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CIRCUIT COURT

Business Resumed Today
by Judge Vail.

THE NEW PETIT JURYMEN

They Will Report for Duty on the
Last Day of the Month--
The Docket En-
tries.

The January term of the circuit court
was resumed this morning.

COMMON LAW CASES.
Anna Diehl vs. J. R. Gorn, adminis-
trator, appeal; appeal from county
court. Motion to strike amended claim
from files and motion overruled and rule
to file bill of particulars discharged.
John Edwards, by his next friend,
Charles J. Edwards vs. Decatur Cereal
Mill Company; trespass on the case. De-
murrer to additional counts. Demurrer
confessed and leave to amend instant
and rule to plead tomorrow morning.

DIVORCE GRANTED.
In the circuit court Saturday Judge
Vail granted to C. A. Daigh a divorce
from his wife, who resides in St. Louis.
It was granted on the grounds of deser-
tion. Mr. Daigh has been in the city for
some time past making the repairs at the
city water works.

NEW JURYMEN.
The following are the names of the new
jurymen who will report for service Mon-
day morning, February 23:
Decatur—R. A. Miller, H. G. Boyer,
C. B. Adkison, James Coop, B. W. Dil-
lunt, B. B. Babcock, J. W. Barth, Henry
Bauer, J. G. Boyd, James Cherry, Fred
D. Darwin, J. W. Gilbert, F. W. Cald-
well, T. W. Rattles, John Gauer.
Austin—W. Hett, Daniel McDonald.
Friends Creek—H. E. Dickey, Manford
Beckham, H. Brenan, F. W. Myers.
Hickory Point—A. Bassler.
Harristown—Frank Crum.
Long Creek—H. P. Clark.
Milam—W. H. Overlin.
Mt. Zion—James Armstrong.
Oakley—John C. Burley.
Pleasant View—E. P. Brewer.
South Macon—C. E. Atterberry, John
H. Combs, A. J. Cook, Joe Procter.
South Wheatland—W. W. Knipple, C.
Ellis.
Whitmore—Samuel Garver, D. M. Good.

GARVER CASE IN COURT.

Appeal from the County Court on a
Claim of Anna Diehl.

Among the suits to be disposed of dur-
ing the present session of the circuit court
is that of Anna Diehl vs. the estate of the
late David Garver. It is an action on an
appeal from the county court where the
plaintiff secured a verdict for about \$1000
less than the amount claimed. David
Garver was quite helpless, it is claimed,
during the last months of his life, and he
was taken to Oregon by his daughter,
Mrs. Diehl, and her nephew, a grandson
of David Garver. They were with the
old gentleman until his death. Mrs.
Diehl presented a bill for her services
against the estate, and later on amended
her claim by filing a larger one. The
other heirs caused the administrator to
contest the claim, with the result as stat-
ed in the county court.

When you are suffering from Catarrh
or Cold in the head you want relief
right away. Only 10 cents is required to
test it. Ask your druggist for the trial
size of Ely's Cream Balm, or buy the
60c. size. We mail it.
ELY BROS., 56 Warren st., N. Y. City
I was afflicted with catarrh last au-
tumn. During the month of October I
could neither taste nor smell and could
hear but little. Ely's Cream Balm cured
it.—Marcus Geo. Shantz, Rahway,
N. J.

Dance Tonight.
The regular assembly dance will be
given tonight at Guards' armory under
the direction of Mrs. Cassell.

The Paxton postoffice has just come in
to the hands of the new postmaster, Mr.
Sheldon. The former deputy and clerk
remain for the present.

Assembly dance tonight at Guards'
Armory.

Royal makes the food pure,
wholesome and delicious.



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WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY.

Observed in Philadelphia and Chi-
cago--Great Crowds Out.

TALKS BY M'KINLEY AND HARRISON.

Two Thousand University Students Give the Presi-
dent the Greeting Yell--Washington's Wis-
dom Extolled--Reception to Gen.
Harrison in Chicago.

Philadelphia, Feb. 22.—Two thousand
students from the University of Philadel-
phia marched past the residence of Presi-
dent Harrison this morning and gave the
university yell and President McKinley
appeared on the veranda and bowed. The
collegians then marched to the Academy
of Music where the annual Washington's
birthday ceremonies of the university
were held. The edifice was packed. The
exercises began at noon. President Mc-
Kinley was introduced by Provost Harri-
son in a neat address.

THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.
President was received with the "varity
cheer, ending with his name. He pro-
ceeded to deliver the oration of the day.
He said in substance:

The president began by referring to the
grand title of the University of Pennsylv-
ania, to the veneration of Washington's
memory in the fact that it was founded
in colonial days, 50 years before Pennsylv-
ania became a state, and the further fact
that the Washington alumnus of that
institution having conferred on the first
president the degree of doctor of laws in
1793. The president then sketched the
points in Washington's career as a peerless
soldier and marvelous genius as a con-
structive statesman; dwelt on the earnest-
ness with which Washington advocated
general education as a national safeguard,
leaving in his will a bequest to be devoted
to free public instruction; adverted to his
reliance on God as evidenced in his writ-
ings and life; and to his abhorrence of
slavery, though a slaveholder. Then he
took up those points from Washington's
farewell address: Cherishing public
credit, the observance of good faith, jus-
tice toward all nations, which may be
supposed to have particular application to
existing political problems. On the former
the president said: "Glorious public
credit." How much both of reflection
and instruction is combined in this sim-
ple admonition of the father of his coun-
try. "The United States emerged from a
bitter prolonged struggle, the revolution-
ary war. It was exhausted financially,
with hundreds of existing perplexities
and difficulties which remained to be
solved before the final call for the credit
of the new nation could be established at
home and demonstrated abroad. But
Washington knew how to gather about him
and place in position of great trust
able financiers and economists whose
names the country still venerates and
whose great work it still enjoys.—Hamil-
ton, Morris, Gallatin and others were suc-
cessful in establishing the treasury and
inaugurating the financial operations of
this government upon principles which
are recognized as the most enduring basis
of national credit and national honor.

That whatever other assets we might have
or acquire, that we would possess indis-
pensable, first, last and all the time, if
we would cherish public credit.
"We have been fully rewarded all along
our history by adhering to the principles
of Washington in keeping the public
faith. Before half the century passed we
had paid off the national debt, had a bal-
ance in the treasury. Another debt, the
greatest in our history, was incurred in
the civil war for the preservation of the
Union, but this did not exceed the re-
sources or discourage the intentions of
the American people. There were those
who suggested repudiation, but the peo-
ple repudiated them, and went on un-
checked discharging the obligations of the
government in the coin of honor. From
the day our flag was unfurled to the pres-
ent hour no stain of just obligation was
ever tarnished the American name. This must and will be as true in the
future as it has been in the past. There
may be prophets of evil and false teach-
ers, some part of the column may
waver and wander away from the stand-
ard, but there will ever rally around it a
mighty majority to preserve it stainless
and in honor."

On the other point in Washington's
farewell address the president said: "At
no point in his administration does Wash-

ington appear in grander proportions than
when he enunciated his ideas in regard to
the foreign policy of the government.
"Observe good faith and justice towards
all nations; cultivate peace and harmony
with all." Religion and morality enjoin
this conduct. Today, nearly a century
from Washington's death, we turn rever-
entially to study the leading principles of
that comprehensive chart for the guidance
of the people. It was his undimmed,
immovable devotion to these precepts of
duty which, more than anything else,
made him what he was and contributed so
directly to making us what we are. Fol-
lowing the precepts of Washington we
cannot err. The wise lessons in govern-
ment he left us it will be profitable to
heed. He seems to have grasped all pos-
sible conditions and pointed the way safe-
ly to meet them. He established danger
signals all along the pathway of the na-
tion's march. He has warned us against
false lights. He has taught us the true
philosophy of "perfect union"; shown us
grievous dangers from sectionalism and
wild, unreasonable party spirit; he has
emphasized the necessity at all times for
the exercise of sober, dispassionate judg-
ment. Such judgment, my fellow citi-
zens, is the best safeguard in tranquil
events and rises superior and triumphant
above the storms of war and peril."

President at Chicago.
Chicago, Feb. 22.—Ex-President Ben-
jamin Harrison spoke today at the central
meeting of the annual celebration of the
Union League club in honor of Wash-
ington, in the auditorium. All historical
and civic societies of the city were repre-
sented. The ex-president took for his
subject "The Obligations of Wealth." It
was earnest and patriotic and aroused
much enthusiasm.

THE ICE BUSINESS.

D. A. Maffit and the Shlaudemans Co.
Unite.

The business interests of D. A. Maffit,
the veteran dealer in natural ice, and the
Shlaudemans company, manufacturers of
artificial ice, have been consolidated as it
pertains only to ice, under satisfactory
arrangements, and now the public can rest
assured that no matter how mild the
succeeding winters may be the new com-
pany will always be in a position to sup-
ply the Decatur and adjacent trade in
quantities to suit. Mr. Maffit has put
up a large quantity of river ice, and the
ice factory is in shape to turn out a sup-
ply equal to the capacity of the valuable
plant which is located on East Prairie
street. The style of the new firm will be
Maffit & McGorray. Mr. Maffit will look
after the financial branch of the business
in person, and both Mr. Maffit and Alex.
McGorray will manage the business of
the combination. The consolidation is re-
garded as a good move for the people and
the parties whose money is invested in
the plants.

DR. SANDERS SURPRISED

His Friends Assist Him in Celebrating
His Birthday Anniversary.

All unknown to the doctor Mrs. J. W.
Sanders yesterday sent out invitations to
a number of his friends to come in and
spend the evening with them and assist
in the celebration of his birthday anniver-
sary. Dr. Sanders, without any suspicion
of a plot, came down to his office in the
Millikin building last evening to see a
patient who had made an engagement
with him by phone. After waiting a
reasonable length of time for his patient
who failed to appear, the doctor went
home. When he arrived at his home the
lights were out, but were turned on as he
stepped into the hall revealing a number
of his friends and neighbors, who had as-
sembled during his absence. Mr. and
Mrs. Harry Midkiff assisted Mrs. Sanders
in planning the surprise and entertaining

the guests. The house was prettily deco-
rated with palms and out flowers, which
were placed in the rooms after the doctor
had left for his office. The guests enjoyed
themselves at games and cards and at 10
o'clock supper was served. Those present
were Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Hancock, Dr.
and Mrs. M. V. Loneragan, Mr. and Mrs.
Harry Midkiff, Mrs. V. B. Russell, Misses
Edna Moffett, Ada Wilson, Agnes Perle,
Nottie Hinsdale, Alpha Midkiff, Jessie
Glover, Orville Kayler and Dr. O. G.
Collins.

TO-NIGHT

The Annual St. James' Choir Enter-
tainment will be Given.

One of the most interesting musical
and dramatic events for some time in De-
catur will be the entertainment tonight
by the choir of St. James' church at Turner
hall. This is an annual entertain-
ment by this choir. This year there will
be some new features, including a play
by a dramatic society, a farce by the
school children of the church, and some
new music, including solos and quartets.
As in other years, Professor Otto Soldan
will assist the choir and give some of his
rare violin solos. The children will
give some drills and marches.
Tickets may be reserved at the bakery
of Henry Bros., on Lincoln square.
Refreshments will be served in the base-
ment of the hall. Arrangements have
been made to have the street cars leave
the park as late as 10:55 p. m.

WORK OF BLOOD HOUNDS.

Rattler and Topsy Ran Down Two Men
at Beacher City Last Sunday.

Flory and Armsworth were at Beacher
City Sunday morning with their blood
hounds Rattler and Topsy. They were
called to the place on account of a rob-
bery. The Grison saloon had been burg-
larized and \$15 in money, a coat, a hat
and some whiskey was stolen. The dogs
got a good start and ran down two men
named March and Tully. The men res-
ided in the place and several pieces of evidence
which would point to their guilt were
found. It was the intention to swear out
search warrants in the hopes that the
stolen goods would be found in the men's
possession.

WILL GIVE A BANQUET.

C. E. Society of First M. E. Church will
Celebrate 11th Anniversary.

The Christian Endeavor society of the
First M. E. church will celebrate the 11th
anniversary of the society on March 17.
There will be appropriate exercises and
which will be followed by a banquet at
the church on the evening of the 17th.

The Degree of Bachelor of Music.

By recent action of the faculty and
trustees of the University of Illinois, a
course of study has been authorized lead-
ing to the new degree of bachelor of mu-
sic. Candidates for this degree must first
satisfy entrance requirements similar to
those of the College of Literature and
Arts. The number of credits required for
graduation is the same as in the courses
leading to the bachelor's degree in arts or
science. Out of the total of 40 credits,
twenty four and three-fifths must be
earned in music. There are also require-
ments in Italian, French or German,
rhetoric, mathematics and physics.

Increase the Artillery.

Washington, Feb. 22.—A bill to increase
the artillery by two regiments passed the
senate, 62 to 4, this morning.

The house refused to adjourn over
Washington's birthday and took up the
sundry civil appropriation bill. General
debate will close at 5 p. m.

Will Raise the Maine.

New York, Feb. 22.—The Merrit and
Chapman Derrick and Wrecking company
signed a contract with the government to-
day to raise the battleship Maine. The
work will begin as soon as possible.

They Still Say It.

New York, Feb. 22.—The Herald's
Madrid special says the Spanish admiral
at Havana has telegraphed that Spanish
investigation into the Maine disaster
made by divers shows it was the result of
accident.

Solemn Mass for the Dead.

Cleveland, Ohio, Feb. 22.—By direc-
tion of Bishop Hertram solemn requiem
mass was celebrated at St. John's Cath-
edral today in memory of the dead of the
battleship Maine. The cathedral was
elaborately draped in mourning.

Navy Department Has No News.
Washington, Feb. 22.—Most potent sign
of the first and exciting stage of the Maine
disaster was passed with the fact that not
a single telegram was received over night
or this morning at the navy department
in any manner relating to it.

MAINE INQUIRY

Naval Board Resumes Its
Work This Morning.

SENATOR QUAY'S STATEMENT

He Says the Government Knows the
Maine was Blown Up by a
Torpedo Laid in This
Country.

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 22.—The Chron-
icle-Telegraph prints an interview with
United States Senator Quay in which he
says: "The Maine was blown up by a
torpedo. The government at Washington
understands fully the situation at Havana
and all that is being done and that has
taken place. All inquiry and all investi-
gations of divers will disclose nothing
more than is now known. The torpedo
that destroyed the battleship Maine was
made in the United States. It's charac-
ter is fully understood. It was possible
to send it through the water for a mile
and discharge it either by percussion or
time fuse arranged by clock work. That
the Spanish government had aught to do
with this work, however, is not believed
by any one conversant with the facts.
The torpedo was probably sped on its ter-
rible mission by members of the volun-
teer army in Havana and the work was
not countenanced by the Spanish author-
ities. It was the work of the Weylerites.

INQUIRY IN PROGRESS.

Captain Sigsbee Gave His Account--
Secret Investigation.

Havana, Feb. 22.—The board of inquiry
into the Maine disaster met on the light-
house tender Mangrove yesterday, with
Captains Sampson and Chadwick and
Lieutenant Commanders Potter and
Marix present. Captain Sampson pre-
sided and Lieutenant Commander Marix
recently executive officer of the Maine, ac-
ted as recorder.
Captain Sigsbee, the commander of the
Maine, was the first witness called. He
was under examination until 1 o'clock,
at which hour an adjournment was tak-
en. The board will make a careful per-
sonal examination of the wreck, near
which the Mangrove is anchored.
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down as false. I have no idea as to how
long the court will remain here. No one
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bers themselves do not know. I shall
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proceedings as is proper."

Captain Sigsbee, on board the Man-
grove, told the correspondent that he was
quite pleased with the examination, and
that he was able to answer all the ques-
tions asked, not only as to his own acts,
but as to those of his subordinates on the
Maine.

Court of Inquiry at Work.

Havana, Feb. 22.—After a call on Cap-
tain General Blanco and Admiral Man-
terola this morning, the United States
court of inquiry into the loss of the
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CORONER'S INQUESTS

Held Over the Remains of Mrs. J. Y.
Braden and Mrs. Mary Hughes.

Mrs. J. Y. Braden, one of the oldest
settlers of Macon county, died suddenly
Monday afternoon at her home one mile
north of Decatur. She had not been well
for several days past. About 1 o'clock in
the afternoon Mrs. Braden sent her hired
man, Samuel Campbell, to the residence
of her son, one mile away, for some medi-
cine. When Campbell returned he found
Mrs. Braden dead. Since the death of
her husband she has made her home alone
on the farm.
Mrs. Braden was 78 years of age, and
was a native of Vermont, where she was
born in 1819. She was married to the
late J. Y. Braden on January 23, 1840,
and is survived by four sons and two
daughters. They are J. E., Jerome O.,
J. G. and A. Braden, Mrs. Flora Bear
and Mrs. Cora A. Dill.
Mrs. Braden came to this state many
years ago and was widely known. She
was a Christian woman and was highly
esteemed by those who knew her. The
time of her funeral has not yet been de-
cided upon.
This morning Deputy Coroner Roy
Bendure held an inquest over the re-
mains. Three witnesses were examined.
They were John Braden, Samuel Camp-
bell and Daniel Baum. The jury returned
a verdict that Mrs. Braden had come to
her death by heart disease superinduced
by exertion and worry at the time of her
husband's death. The jury was composed
of Dr. Fred R. Stoner, foreman, J. D. I.
Holman, W. H. Ruston, H. D. Cottin, A.
J. Trimmer and H. M. Trimmer.
FUNERAL OF MRS. HUGHES.
The funeral of the late Mrs. Mary
Hughes, wife of Thomas Hughes, will be
held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock
from St. Patrick's Catholic church. The
service will be conducted by Rev. Father
Brady and the burial will be at the Cath-
olic cemetery. Last night Deputy Coroner
Roy Bendure held the inquest over the
remains. The jury was composed of
Dr. Ira N. Barnes, W. C. Bowers, T. F.
Hays, Dan Higgins, Charles Hughes and
James J. Moran. The jury returned a
verdict that the deceased had come to her
death by inflammation of the heart, pre-
ceded and complicated by rheumatism.

MISS WILLARD

Funeral of Late W. C. T. U.
Leader at Evanston.

REMAINS TO LIE IN STATE

At Willard Hall at the Temple--Names
of the "Guard of Honor"--
Bishop Vincent to Con-
duct Services.

Chicago, Feb. 22.—The remains of the
late Miss Frances E. Willard will arrive
Wednesday morning and the body will
lie in state from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. at
Willard Hall.
The special Wagner car placed at the
disposal of the national officers will be
switched over to the Northwestern depot,
and at 4 o'clock the funeral party will
start for Evanston. The train will be
awaited in Evanston by members of the
W. C. T. U., citizens and Northwestern
University students, who will be an escort
to Rest Cottage. "Home, Sweet
Home" will be sung when the threshold
is crossed, and the remains will be turned
over to relatives for the night.
The funeral will be held at the First
Methodist church at 11 a. m. on Thurs-
day, the Rev. Frank M. Bristol officiat-
ing. The remains will be placed in the
receiving vault at Rosehill cemetery, and
will be kept there until a suitable site for
the interment is chosen. The program for
the W. C. T. U. part of the funeral exer-
cises has been arranged by the national
officers, and Mrs. Helen M. Barker, na-
tional treasurer, will announce all the
plans.
Members of the W. C. T. U. from all
parts of the United States and Canada
will be in attendance. Among the for-
eign representatives will be Oafsa Johanna-
sdottir, daughter of the premier of Ico-
land, who will come from Canada. Miss
Katherine Willard Baldwin and Mrs.
Helen M. Barker are expected. Those
who will accompany the remains are:
Mrs. Clara Hoffman of Missouri, record-
ing secretary N. W. C. T. U.; Mrs. L. M.
N. Stevens, president N. W. C. T. U.;
Mrs. Katherine L. Stevenson, correspond-
ing secretary N. W. C. T. U.; Mrs. Fran-
ces Barnes, superintendent World's Y de-
partment; Miss Annie Gordon; Mrs.
Louise S. Rounds, president Illinois W.
C. T. U., and Miss Mamie Powderly.

ARTHUR ROBINSON HURT.

Report That He was Fatally Injured
at Tampico, Mexico.

A telegram from Tampico, Mexico,
states that the great new wharf erected
at that place at a cost of \$2,000,000 was
destroyed by fire last Sunday night. The
same message states that A. S. Robinson,
formerly of Decatur, "engineer in charge
of the construction, while fighting the
flames, was injured by the falling timbers
and will probably die." Mrs. Robinson,
who resides north of the city, telegraphed
today to Tampico, to learn the condition
of her husband, and is hourly expecting
to receive the answer. She did not hear
anything of the accident or fire until she
read the telegram as published in the pa-
pers. Mr. Robinson is a son-in-law of the
late J. R. Morner, formerly editor of the
Republican. He has been in Mexico for
over two years, engaged in the construc-
tion of railroads and other improvements
in connection with the Santa Fe com-
pany.

LATER.

Mrs. Robinson received the following
telegram at 3 o'clock this afternoon:
Tampico, Mex., Feb. 22, 1898.—Mrs.
A. S. Robinson, Decatur, Ill., U. S. A.—
Am all right. Will write later. Don't
come.
A. S. Robinson.

Spain is Responsible.

Chicago, Feb. 22.—The Journal's
Washington special says: "On author-
ity of an officer of the navy it was decided
at the conference of the president and sev-
eral members of the cabinet that Spain is
bound to protect the vessels of a friendly
nation in its harbors, and if the Maine
was destroyed by a torpedo, whether with
or without the knowledge of Spanish
officials she must pay damages for the
vessel and to the relatives of the officers,
and men killed, amounting in all to
from \$18,000,000 to \$16,000,000.

Has Returned Home.

W. B. Corman, who met with an acci-
dent about a week ago at Clarksville,
Iowa, arrived home this morning.
Mr. Corman was walking down a steep stair-
way. He had a grip in one hand and an
elster on the other arm. He stepped on
the edge of the coast and was thrown for-
ward down the stairs. He was uncon-
scious for some time and was confined to
his bed for six days. Two bones in his
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was injured. He will be unable to travel
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MASTER OR MISSIONARY.

BY WILLIAM FORBES COOLEY.

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PART I.

One balmy December morning Elbert Osborne stood by the rail of the San Francisco steamer as it slowly drew into the crowded wharves. He was scanning the throng on shore with keen interest. The Kanakas, with their smiling broad faces and their barbaric richness of color—crimson hibiscus blossoms and marigolds of dusky gold around the brown throats and intertwined with the black locks—were interesting enough, surely; but a more lively curiosity possessed him. Were there any missionaries in the polychromatic multitude?

Hawaiian missionaries had been described to him in America as the most comprehensive rogues in creation, showing in their dealings "cant, hypocrisy, covetousness, unscrupulousness, fraud, deceit and gross abuse of power, in about equal proportions." As though this were not enough to pique the curiosity, he had heard on the steamer a curiously variant account of them.

"They're daft on the subject of up-lifting people," a fellow-passenger declared. "They had to set up a sort of aristocracy in government a few years ago, for the ship was making straight for the rocks; but they're possessed to make the Kanakas our equals and members of the governing class. The crew are all to be officers in their nice little craft. Some of these days they'll try to put the Asiatics on the white man's level, and then there'll be the devil to pay."

Osborne ran his eyes over the motley, merry multitude below, searching for these knavish sentimentalists—at once pious and greedy, soft-headed and high-handed. Then his aunt came aboard and carried him off. On shore flower-crowned straw hats and bright-lined shirts and Mother Hubbard gowns shut out other things at first. He supposed a picnic was afoot, until his aunt explained that with the gay Polynesians life was all a picnic. Presently, with a wave of perfume, a garland of white plumeria blossoms descended on his shoulders, and he found a comely native damsel, with white teeth and lustrous, laughing eyes, regarding him with the frankest sort of interest.

"What'd she do that for?" he said to Miss Peters, when he had thanked the girl and passed on.

"Why, she likes your looks, that's all."

"Oh, does she? I'm obliged to her, I'm sure. The girls are more appreciative here than in my country."

The little woman looked up at her big nephew and smiled, thinking that perhaps the girls were not so differently minded. She, too, liked the young man's looks. He was a stalwart fellow, upward of two hundred in weight. It was not without substantial reasons that he had been "centre rush" on many a hard fought field. Then he had a broad brow and a firm chin, and cheery good-fellowship were in the steady, honest eyes.

Osborne's chief inquiry remained unsatisfied for several days. His aunt was a recluse, living apart in the midst of her overgrown grounds as in the center of a maze. So he explored the embowered, flower-planted city alone. He found white men enough, in all shades of clothing, from white duck to conventional black; but nowhere the typical missionary figure. Moreover, along the avenues, where tamarisks and algarobas make a mist of green through the treetops, and lordly palms proclaim the supremacy of beauty, he found he could not distinguish the mansion of the wealthy Hawaiian and half-caste from that of the chief of the missionary offenders.

One afternoon he reclined on a craggy spur of the Koolau range. The greater summits were cloud-hung as usual, the lower fringes of the moist curtains reaching farther and farther down until every now and then they swept over the idle youth with a chilling touch. More than ever, however, between their gray gates was the outlook beautiful—the bird-shaped city, reaching one green wing up the vale of Nuuanu and another out to the cocoa palms and seaside cottages of Waikiki; the stern, ruddy mass of Diamond Head, an old crater extending out into the sea like a titanic lion couchant; the lovely violet and blue Waianae peaks westward, with the indigo-like Pearl Lochs lying between, and the long white sweep of the foaming reef fringing the ocean.

He was aroused by the sound of iron striking on rock not far away. He looked around, but a cloud enveloped the ridge. In a moment it swept over him also. Out of the heart of it came again the sound of iron, and then of heavy feet. He rose and went back. He had just surmounted the first of two ledges of rock when, suddenly, through the fog a horse and rider appeared on the second one, the animal scrambling down timorously. He had only time to see that it was a white lady riding Hawaiian fashion (astride), when with a cry rider and saddle came sliding over the animal's mane almost at his feet. He sprang to her assistance, but it was some moments before he could untangle the confused mass of saddle girths and paws.

"My dear madam, are you much hurt?" he asked.

"I—I guess not," was the response, in

a shaky voice. The speaker, a girl somewhat past twenty, sat up, and then blushed deeply. Her paws were in tatters, and even her skirts were torn from the hau bushes through which she had passed.

"Could you rest a few minutes, while I run after your horse? Here, the saddle will make a good back. There's no telling where Pegasus will fetch up in this fog, if I don't."

Some minutes later he came up from below.

"I've got your steed moored to a rock down there," he said, cheerily. "It



RIDER AND SADDLE CAME SLIDING OVER THE ANIMAL'S MANE.

would be impossible for you to ride down those crags anyway. Do you feel as though you could walk now?"

"I think so," was the brave reply. He gave her both hands and she rose to her feet, winching, however, with pain.

"Oh, my foot!" she exclaimed.

"Will it bear your weight?"

"Yes; but, oh, it hurts!" and in spite of her efforts the tears came to her eyes.

A few agonizing steps were taken, Osborne assisting with distressed countenance, and then a pallor came over the girl's face, and she would have fallen, if he had not caught her and lowered her gently to the ground.

"I'm a poor cripple, I'm afraid," she said, looking up with a feeble smile.

Osborne made the round of the ledge again, looking for some place where it would be safe for her to ride down. Then he came back and sat down by her side.

"My dear lady," he said, "I knew a lawyer in New York who used to be called 'Old Necessity.' Can you guess why?"

"No."

"Why, 'Necessity knows no law.'"

The girl laughed. "What do you tell me that for, pray?"

"Because I'm going to do something I've no right to; but, 'necessity,' you know—I'm going to carry you down to your horse."

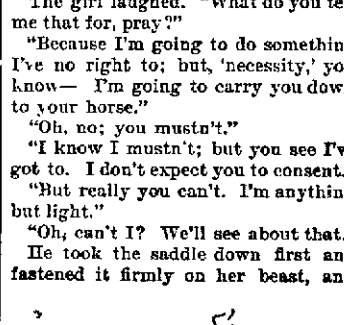
"Oh, no; you mustn't."

"I know I mustn't; but you see I've got to. I don't expect you to consent."

"But really you can't. I'm anything but light."

"Oh, can't I? We'll see about that."

He took the saddle down first and fastened it firmly on her beast, and



then without ceremony picked up the young lady and bore her to the edge of the ledge.

"Now," he said, "hold fast to my shoulder, so I can have my arm free for clutching the rocks. No, you'll lose your hold that way; put it around my neck."

Her horse and then his own were safely gained, and side by side they rode down the mountain, down out of the cloud into a fair dream-country glorified by the ruby rays of the sinking sun. Osborne, however, gave the landscape scant heed; his eyes were drawn to the face of the lady. It was an attractive one by nature, and it had besides a look of redoubt directness that drew him. A frank sincerity looked forth from the long-lashed, large eyes and reposed in a certain shapely breadth there was to her countenance. Presently his look encountered hers. She blushed.

"I'm trying to place you," she said.

"I don't think I've ever seen you before."

"Is that surprising? Young men are not a rare breed."

The girl laughed. "Oh, aren't they? I see your lady friends haven't taken you into their confidence. Now, as a matter of fact, there's hardly a young white man in Honolulu I don't know—"

young gentlemen, I mean."

"Well, if I'm at liberty to introduce myself, I will explain that I am the

son of a missionary."

"Oh-h!—I thought you were a missionary the minute I saw you."

"A missionary!" was the amazed response. Then, after a speechless moment, looking down over his golf costume and thrusting out one stout knickerbockered leg, he added: "You destroy my most cherished illusions. Do missionaries wear such toggery as this?"

"Oh, that doesn't count. You don't have to wear a cassock."

"But, really, Miss—"

"Van Alen."

"Miss Van Alen, I'm not a missionary; far from it. I'm not good enough; besides, I'm afraid I'm not very orthodox."

"Not good enough!" was the laughing response. "Why, that sounds delightfully missionary. And orthodox—oh, that doesn't matter so much. We've had men here who believed more in Milton than in Moses who were missionaries all the same."

"But how could they be?"

"Why, hasn't your aunt told you? There are no real missionaries here now, you know. Yes, there are too; there are Catholic missionaries and Protestant missionaries among the Japs, and Chinese. But there are none of the missionaries who converted the natives to Christianity. The American board withdrew thirty years ago. It thought we were a Christian people and could take care of ourselves. I say 'we,' though I wasn't here then."

"Needless to relate," was the smiling rejoinder.

"The people called 'missionaries' here now are the children and grandchildren of the original preachers, and their friends. If a man's something of a reformer, he's a 'missionary.' If he's a philanthropist he's a 'missionary.' If he's both reformer and philanthropist he's a 'missionary' of deepest dye. But we've another class here, you must know. I don't mean the old royalists. It's what I call the master caste. My brother's one; he doesn't believe in coddling the natives. He says they'll never be men till they have to strike out for themselves. Mr. Talmage, Fred's friend, is another. He says social reform's a delusion and philanthropy's a vice; or, perhaps it's social reform's a vice and philanthropy's a delusion."

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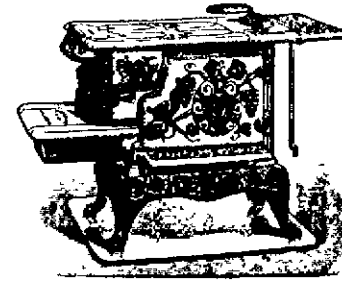
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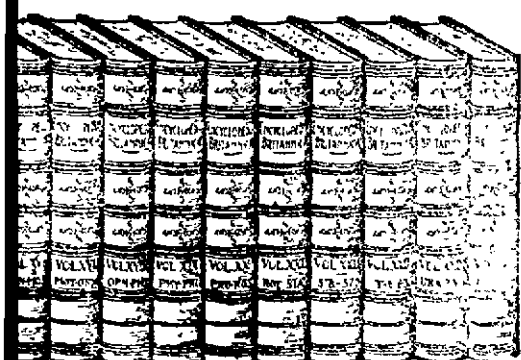
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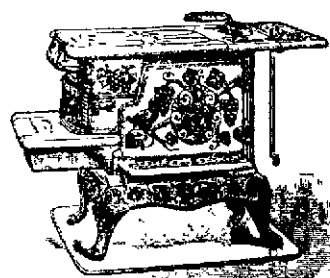
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Owing to the serious illness of Captain
W. J. Brown the colonial entertainment
to have been given at the First Presby-
terian church tonight has been postponed.

May Go to Cuba.
L. L. Burrows left yesterday for Mem-
phis, Tenn., and from there he will go to
Jacksonville, Fla., and from there south-
ern points to spend two or three weeks. He
may conclude to make a trip to Havana,
Cuba, during his stay in Florida.

Married.
By Judge Hammer at his office, Febru-
ary 21, Luna Smith and Mrs. Lillie
Swearingen, both of Chillicothe, Mo.
The bride had been in Decatur on a visit
and the groom with his two motherless
children, also came to Decatur. The cou-
ple left for Chillicothe yesterday after-
noon.

By Judge Hammer at his office, Febru-
ary 21, Armond P. Moutche and Miss Lit-
zie Vandewalker both of Blue Mound.

CURIOUS BUILDING.

Different Foods Make Different
People.

The kind of food one eats and the
liquid one drinks has much to do in de-
termining how much of health and
strength may be depended upon to carry
out life's work. True, the quality of the
mind greatly affects the body, and on the
other hand the reflexes from an ill-
fed body seem to affect the mind.

Well selected food is of the utmost
importance to brain workers and highly
organized men and women. We are apt
to eat and drink almost anything that
looks and tastes good, and afterwards
wonder why our brains do not earn as
much as some friends whom we have in
mind. Our physical systems are all a
tried and true, and when one finds that
he is not keeping up to par, a close in-
spection of what is being put into the
stomach is wise.

Many people are slowly, but very
surely, injured and their lives cut short
by the daily use of the narcotic drug,
coffee. "Nonsense," someone says. It
is easy to say nonsense when one does
not have access to chemical research and
scientific data. Facts are exceedingly
stubborn things, more so than stubborn
people are aware who cry out because
some favorite drug cannot stand in a
favorable light under the careful search
of chemical analysis.

The stubborn facts about coffee will
make themselves felt after the stub-
bornness of unfortunate users has been
broken down.

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things, and peace with the nervous sys-
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LENTEN SEASON

Begins To-Morrow and
Lasts Forty Days.

WILL BE DULY OBSERVED

By the Catholic and Episcopal
Churches of the City—Rules and
Regulations Laid Out by
Different Churches.

Tomorrow will be Ash Wednesday and
the first day of the Lenten season, which
lasts for 40 days during which time the
members of the Catholic and Episcopal
churches abstain from worldly pleasures
and give themselves up to devotion.

The term Lent is derived from the old
English word Lenosen, meaning the
spring. From the very earliest times the
members of the English church and the
Romanists have observed the season. The
season of fasting was at first observed in
various ways. Some observed one and
some two days, but for many years past
40 days has been the time set apart for
fasting. The 40 days is significant in
several ways to the church people. Mo-
ses is said to have spent 40 days on the
mount, the children of Israel were 40 days
in the wilderness and Christ was 40 days
in the wilderness before the crucifixion.

In the early days Ash Wednesday was
the day when all who had offended against
the church were brought before the bishop
and sprinkled with ashes and were ordered
to do penance for 40 days. Ashes were
used as being symbolic of that which
comes after the flame, illustrating that
all worldly pomp, pride, sin and shame
must end in ashes. Hence the name Ash
Wednesday.

The great fundamental theory underly-
ing the observance of lent by the Roman-
ists and those of the English church is
that the Christians must at some time lay
aside worldly things and unless some spe-
cial time is chosen the observance will be
neglected. The church people are ex-
pected to observe the season in two ways,
by self-denial and also by devotion. The ob-
ject of Lent is to strengthen the will and
to deepen the religious life of the indi-
vidual. Wednesdays and Fridays are
days of special observance. The Lenten
season closes with Holy Saturday, which
is the day before Easter Sunday. The
first day of Lent is fixed so that it will be
40 days before Easter and Easter is fixed
by the vernal equinox. It is the first Sun-
day after the first full moon occurring on
or after the 21st of March.

AT EPISCOPAL CHURCHES.

At St. John's Episcopal church special
Lenten services will be held. On Sundays
there will be Holy Communion at 9 a.
m., and matins and sermon at 10:30 a. m.
On Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays
and Fridays there will be song and address at
4:30 p. m. There will also be Holy Com-
munion at 8 a. m. on each Wednesday.
The services for Ash Wednesday will be
held at 10 a. m. The services will be
conducted by the acting rector, Rev. Ed-
ward Jones.

At All Angels' church services will be
held tomorrow as follows: Communion
at 8 a. m., second celebration at 8 a. m.
and evening at 7:30 p. m. On every
Friday there will be evening song and address
at 7:30 p. m. The services on Sunday
will be held at 8 a. m., 2 p. m. and 7:30
p. m.

The rule laid down by the Episcopal
church for the observance of Lent is that
the season is to consist of days of fasting
on which the church requires such a mea-
sure of abstinence as is more specially
suited to extraordinary acts and exercises
of devotion. The following are five rules
given out by the rector of the Episcopal
churches:

- 1st. Self-Examination.—Of the whole
past life, and especially the actions of
the year, since the last Lent.
- 2d. Confession.—As in the forms in
the Prayer Book.
- 3d. Stricter Life.—Reflecting that
Christ spent these 40 days in the desert
with the wild beasts.
- 4th. Fasting and Self Denial.—Being
very sparing both in meat and drink; and
especially every Wednesday and Friday,
and in Holy Week; denying yourself
pleasant things wearing no new or gay
clothes; bearing all this patiently; pray-
ing more often, and watching your tongue,
your thoughts, your temper, very closely.
- 5th. Works of Mercy and Charity.—
Such as visiting sick friends; saving as
much as possible to give to the collections
in church; going to divine service as of-
ten as you can, and doing everything to
help and benefit your neighbors.

THE CATHOLIC CHURCHES.

The following are the regulations for
the diocese of Alton, given out by Bishop
Ryan of the Catholic church:

1. All days of Lent, except Sundays, are
fasting days of obligation.
2. A cup of coffee, tea or chocolate,
with a cracker or thin piece of bread, may
be taken in the morning, and a collation
in the evening.
3. Custom allows the use of milk, but-
ter, cheese, eggs and fish at the evening
collation.
4. Flesh meat may be used at every
meal on Sundays, at the principal meal

on all other days, except Wednesdays and
Fridays, and the second and last Satur-
days of Lent.

5. Fish and flesh are not allowed at the
same meal, but lard, butter and other
animal fat may be used in preparing food.
6. Those who are under 21 years of age
or over 60, or whose strength is impaired
by debility, sickness or hard labor, are
exempt from fasting and may use meat
on all days which it is allowed. Where
there is a doubt the confessor should be
consulted.

By virtue of a special Indult of the
Holy See, the use of flesh meat is per-
mitted on all days of the year except Friday,
Ash Wednesday, Wednesday and Satur-
day of Holy Week and the vigil of Christ-
mas week to those who perform hard la-
bor and to their families.

As to alms and good work, the faithful
will find ample opportunity for them, be-
sides other ways. In the collections on the
first Sunday in Lent for the Negro and
Indian missions and the propagation of
the faith, on Good Friday for the Holy
Places, and finally, what should especial-
ly come home to their hearts, that on
Easter day itself for infirm priests.

STATE UNIVERSITY.

The New System of Accrediting High
Schools.

The first year's work of the committee
on accrediting schools under the new sys-
tem adopted last year has demonstrated
that the change is beneficial both to the
university at Champaign and to the high
schools of the state. By accrediting all
subjects in which the quantity and qual-
ity of work is satisfactory instead of de-
manding from a school proficiency in the
total number of subjects required for en-
trance, a number of the smaller schools
which could not have hoped for recogni-
tion under the old system have been
brought into relation with the university.
Increased correspondence with the smaller
schools throughout the state indicates
that they have found a new incentive in
the possibility of receiving justice in
their necessarily restricted field of work.
Thus it is evident that the university in
extending its influence and coming into
closer touch with the people has moved a
step nearer to the fulfillment of its mis-
sion.

AT THE GRAND.

THE WESTERNER.

The above representative American
comedy drama has been selected as the
opening performance of the Hilden Com-
edy Co., as the Powers' opera house next
Wednesday evening. Contrary to what
the title would lead one to believe, the
play is not "Wooley West" in character,
but a bright and sparkling comedy deal-
ing with business life in New York city.
It portrays the fortunes of a western
ranch man in Wall street and is filled
with delightful comedy and intense dra-
matic situations.

Miss Kittle DeLorme, the pleasing and
popular soprano, who is the clever star
of the company, has a part that just suits
her peculiar talents. High class vaude-
ville will be introduced between acts
making a continuous show with no waits.
Ladies will be admitted free Wednesday
night when accompanied by a person with
a paid reserved seat.

The Wabash-Buffalo Extension.

On Thursday the freight and passenger
traffic officials and the operating officials
of the Wabash will meet at Detroit to
make final arrangements for the opening
of the extension of the Wabash to Buffalo
for both freight and passenger business March 1.
The new route will be over the Grand
Trunk air line, formerly known as the
Great Western of Canada, which furnishes
the Wabash a direct line from Windsor
eastward. The Wabash will operate its
own trains solid to and from Buffalo,
using the Grand Trunk and the Erie
trunks and having ample terminal facil-
ities in Buffalo. J. J. Moorman, hereto-
fore commercial agent of the Wabash at
Buffalo, will be made division freight
agent, with jurisdiction over the Buffalo
division. His headquarters will be lo-
cated at Buffalo. George R. Layne has been
appointed local agent at Buffalo. General
Manager Ramsey, General Freight Agent
Knight and General Passenger Agent
Crane came over the new route on Satur-
day in a special, covering portions of the
run at the speed of 73 miles an hour.

Noble-Bricker Wedding.

At the residence of Mr. G. S. Youngs,
three and one-half miles north of Argos-
ta, on last Wednesday evening, February
18, was quietly celebrated the marriage
of Miss Grace Bricker and Mr. Jacob No-
ble. The officiating clergyman was Rev.
D. O. Gilpin of this place, who performed
a very short but impressive ceremony,
after which they proceeded to the home of
the groom's father, where there was served
a delightful supper. The bride is a
grand daughter of G. S. Youngs and one
of our most accomplished belles, and the
groom is an enterprising farmer, who is
held in high esteem by all who know him.
Among those present besides the immedi-
ate relatives were Miss Bettie Leyton and
George Trimmer of Decatur and T. J.
Curtis of Richmond, Ky. We wish the
happy couple a prosperous future, hoping
the anniversary of their marriage may
be often recalled with pleasant memories.
GUEST.

Bromoline will cure a cold while you
sleep. No cure, no pay. 25 cents.

BRIEF SESSION

Meeting of City Council
was a Short One.

LAYING OF WATER PIPES

Was Discussed and Aldermen Decided
They Should be Put in the
Alleys Hereafter—Want-
ed Streets Cleaned.

The meeting of the city council last
evening was a brief one, very little busi-
ness of any kind being transacted. All
of the members of the council were present
excepting Alderman Watson.

Aldermen Young, Montgomery and
Keefe presented resolutions on the death
of the late J. C. Lake. The resolutions
were ordered spread upon the records and
a copy sent to the family.

When the water inspector reported the
amount of water pipes needed, Alderman
Gogerty moved that all water pipes here-
after be laid in the alleys. The mayor
approved the idea and Alderman Mont-
gomery made an amendment that water,
gas and all other pipes and lateral sewers
be put in the alleys. An ordinance was
ordered drawn up.

Alderman Young talked about the
cleaning of the streets. He wanted to
know if there was not some way whereby
the street superintendent could clean the
paved streets in the business part of the
city. The mayor said that there was not
money enough in the treasury.

J. E. Grove, owing a lot in the Forth-
myer addition, petitioned the council for
a rebate on his sewer and paving assess-
ment, claiming that he had been assessed
for five feet which he did not own. The
matter was referred to the public improve-
ment committee.

The pay rolls for the past two weeks
were as follows: Water inspector \$27.81,
water works \$280.15, street superintend-
ent \$111.67. All were ordered paid.

ESTIMATE.

The water inspector, Harry Ruthrauff,
presented an estimate of the amount and
cost of water pipes likely to be used dur-
ing the coming season. The estimate
was as follows:

Herkimer, from Water to Jasper, 3910
feet of 6-in and 120 feet of 4-in pipe; five
4-in fire hydrants.

Jasper, from Herkimer to Locust, 415
feet of 6-inch and 48 feet of 4-in pipe; one
4-in fire hydrant.

Monroe from King to Packard, 915 feet
of 6-in and 34 feet of 4-in pipe; one 4-in
fire hydrant.

West Wood street from Haworth to
Oakland avenue, 805 feet of 6 in and 24
feet of 4-in pipe; one 4-in fire hydrant.

Decatur street from Union to Spring
avenue, 900 feet of 6-in and 34 feet of 4-in
pipe; one 4-in fire hydrant.

Cantrell street from Broadway to Water
street, 475 feet of 6-in pipe.

Total of 6-in pipe, 7120 feet; total of 4-
in pipe, 240 feet. Ten thousand pounds
of lead and 125 pounds of calking yarn
will be necessary to put in this amount of
pipe.

The report was adopted and the comp-
troller was ordered to advertise for the
goods.

RESOLUTIONS.

Alderman Young and Dewitt intro-
duced a resolution that the matter of the
renewing of the insurance on the water
works and filter plant be referred to the
purchasing committee with power to act.
Adopted.

The finance committee presented the
following, which was adopted:

"We, the finance committee, to whom
was referred the matter of devising ways
and means to pay rolls and bills of the
water works and electric light depart-
ments, would report that they have made
arrangements for \$6000 to pay the said
pay rolls and bills to May 1, 1898, said
amount being sufficient. We further rec-
ommend that the comptroller be author-
ized to pay all bills to said date, and that
the comptroller be authorized to issue a
time warrant for said amount, due June 1,
1898.

WATER METER.

A. G. Holmes, representing the Pittsburg
Meter company was present and before
the council adjourned exhibited the Davis
meter. The price of the meter is \$8 and
the agent said that if the city bought a
large number they might get a lower rate.
There was no talk of making any pur-
chases, but the aldermen simply inspected
the meter.

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WEATHER.

Chicago, Feb. 22.—Illinois: Partly cloudy tonight; rain or snow Wednesday; variable winds.

The insurgents under Gomez and Garcia are giving a good account of themselves and are making things exceedingly interesting for Blanco's forces in the eastern portions of Cuba.

Gen. John Charles Black is being urged by many prominent G. A. R. men in Chicago for commander of the department of Illinois. General Black was a faithful and patriotic soldier during the war and has a warm place in his heart for the comrades of the late war and would make a splendid commander.

There are many men in high places who say that it seems impossible that the Maine was destroyed by the Spaniards. The same people would have laughed at the suggestion that De Lome could be equal to writing such a letter as he really did write. It looks a little as if the Lord were taking a hand in the Cuban matter. The cry of the blood of innocence has, perhaps, come to His ear.

There are thousands in England as well as in the United States who are now clamoring for war, who have not counted the cost and who do not know what awful destruction to life and limb would result if great nations were to meet on the battlefield with improved arms. Great nations can afford to yield a great deal to prevent a modern war.

The commander of the Spanish warship, the Viscaya, now in New York harbor, declines the service of guards for his vessel to insure its safety, saying he can safely trust his ship to the honor of the American people. He is no doubt correct in this, but it is a fact nevertheless that as much could not be said for the Spanish civilization. There are a great many people who believe the Maine was destroyed by treacherous Spaniards.

The money received by the farmers of the country for their farm products in the past year will exceed by hundreds of millions of dollars that received in the preceding year. The excess in the value of their exportations alone during the seven months just ended is, in round numbers, \$75,000,000, and, as the exportations are but a small proportion of their total sales, it is evident that their gain in money received for their products during the year will reach into the hundreds of millions of dollars as compared with that received in the preceding year.

Mr. Teller and his associates in and out of congress, who profess such a warm admiration for the Mexicans and their system of finance, might with entire propriety take some lessons from them just now. Simultaneously with the adoption by the free silver party in the senate of a resolution favoring the payment of United States bonds in silver coin, the Mexican government comes to the front with a proposition to sell bonds payable in gold and silver only. There is quite a contrast between the action of a silver democracy country proposing to sell gold-bearing bonds and that of a country which issued bonds with the understanding that they would be paid in gold and then suggest paying them in silver.

"In the industries of the country, the most significant fact is that in different branches there are constant accounts of additional works starting, some only after a few months or a year's rest, but others which have been idle for several years, and one for 18 years. With new machinery or new owners old works are rapidly put in shape to meet a new demand. This appears not only in textile works where a few are changing from cotton to silk or linen, but even in iron and steel, notwithstanding the present enormous production and current low prices. In the cotton workers' strike no change appears, except that demands for further limitation against mill owners are made in legislation."—Dan's Review.

A Tariff Without Sense.

The American Economist: The manner in which some lines of American goods are taxed in Germany is forcibly illustrated in a communication from a correspondent of the American Economist in Fuerth, Bavaria. The case in point has no connection with the action of the Prussian government in reference to American apples, the latter having occurred several weeks after the arrival of the invoice of canned goods to which the correspondent alludes. The consignment consisted of two cases of four dozen two-pound cans of peaches, one case of two dozen two-pound cans of corn, and one case of two dozen three-pound cans of tomatoes. These goods were shipped from Baltimore. The selling price in that city was \$7, and the freight from Baltimore to Fuerth was \$6.70. The duty amounted to 48.50 marks, or \$10.19.

"From this," writes the correspondent, "you can see that we have no duty in the states compared with the German duty. Just such duty as this keeps our American canned goods out of Germany. If the free trade or tariff-for-revenue newspapers of Baltimore, California, New Jersey and Delaware, where the large canneries are situated, could be induced to publish these facts, I'm sure it would interest their readers."

If to the duty of nearly 160 per cent is added the high charge for freight, the cost of laying down American canned goods is but little less than three times the cost of marketing the goods in our own country, and the selling price in Germany must of necessity be three times what it is in the United States. In America the delicious canned peaches and the wholesome sweet corn and tomatoes are classed as among the necessities and form a regular portion of the food of the American workingman and his family. In Germany these articles are expensive luxuries, which are wholly outside the reach of the wage earners. The German tariff on these goods is so nearly prohibitory as to practically debar the people of that country from using American canned goods, and as there is in Germany no adequate supply of home-grown fruits and vegetables to take their place, the Germans must needs go without. This is not enlightened protection; it is prohibition pure and simple, a tariff without revenue and without sense.

The Surprise of All.
Mr. James Jones, of the drug firm of Jones & Son, Cowden, Ill., in speaking of Dr. King's New Discovery, says that last winter his wife was attacked with La Grippe, and her case grew so serious that physicians at Cowden and Pana could do nothing for her. It seemed to develop into Hasty Consumption. Having Dr. King's New Discovery in store, and selling lots of it, he took a bottle home, and to the surprise of all she began to get better from the first dose, and half dozen dollar bottles cured her sound and well. Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds is guaranteed to do this good work. Try it. Free trial bottles at J. E. King's and C. F. Shilling's Drug Stores.

Mr. Conklin of Princeville has begun arrangements to build a two or three story brick block on his newly purchased lots in Eureka.

A Cold, Sad Story.
Neglect.
Pneumonia.
Grief.
Had Foley's Honey and Tar been used, this story would have had a happier ending. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

The Mackinaw duck hunters are getting their hunting cabin boats, decoys, callers, etc., put in order for their spring shooting.

What's the secret of happy, vigorous health? Simply keeping the bowels, the stomach, the liver and kidneys strong and active. Burdock Blood Bitters does it. Sold by all druggists.

Administrator Frank Walker of Mackinaw, has dismissed the \$5000 suit of the William Walker estate against the Big Four railroad for the killing of Mr. Walker.

Diphtheria relieved in twenty minutes. Almost miraculous. Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil. At any drug store.

The dam at Sugar Island, Itouque county, was washed out by high water. Back water from its formerly damaged thousands of acres of land, causing much trouble, and the country was about to pay \$3000 to have it removed.

Senators cure chronic constipation kidney and liver complaint. Price, 25c.

Children and adults tortured by burns, scalds, injuries, eczema or skin diseases may secure instant relief by using DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. It is the great Pile remedy. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

J. W. Craig will build a \$3000 residence in southwest Champaign, in the spring.

A thrill of terror is experienced when a brassy cough of croup sounds through the house at night. But the terror soon changes to relief after One Minute Cough Cure has been administered. Safe and harmless for children. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

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SEWER PIPE.
TILE.
CEMENT, LIME, COAL.

FANCY CUTLEYS.

How to Prepare Some New and Dainty Dishes.

The fancy cutlet is not a special cut of meat, nor is it in the form of a cutlet as the American butcher understands that term. It takes the form of a French cutlet or an American chop, and is a minced preparation of chicken, lobster or any dainty fish or meat inclosed in a thick sauce, and firm enough when cold to mould or form into the shape of a chop. It is then treated with a coat of egg and bread crumbs and fried like a croquette in hot fat. The mixture for a fancy cutlet must be of about the same consistency as that for a croquette, but the meat is usually minced finer for this purpose. There are two ways of shaping cutlets. One is with a cutlet mould, the other with a cutlet cutter. The preparation is pressed into the buttered cutlet mould, which is the size and shape of a lamb chop, and then slipped out until the required number of cutlets are formed. For several reasons a cutlet cutter such as we illustrate is better for this purpose. The mass of minced meat or fish can be poured out when it is hot on a greased pan to the proper depth, and allowed to cool. When it is cold the mixture is firm and more easily handled, and it can be readily cut into the form of finer chops with the cutter.

To prepare lobster in chops or cutlets, begin by frying a small slice of onion in a tablespoonful of butter. Add a tablespoonful of flour. Pour in a cup of nice, white stock. A jellied chicken stock is the best. Milk can be used, but it will be considerably more trouble to mold the croquettes if it is. Season the sauce prepared in any case with a liberal teaspoonful of salt, a dash of cayenne, a saltspoonful of white pepper, half a teaspoonful of mustard and one teaspoonful of minced parsley. Now add two pounds of lobster meat minced quite fine, and if convenient a dozen minced mushrooms. Let the lobster cook slowly about ten minutes in the sauce. Add finally the yolks of four eggs to the lobster and stir the mixture for two minutes over the fire. Pour the lobster preparation out on a buttered biscuit pan to cool. When it is cold cut it into cutlets with a cutlet cutter and dip the cutlets into the beaten yolk of egg and then in fine bread crumbs and fry them a delicate brown. Before serving them stick one of the small claws of the lobster in each cutlet to simulate the bone. Salmon makes excellent cutlets.

For chicken cutlets use any good recipe for croquette mixture, mixing the chicken rather finer and adding mushrooms if possible. The flavor of the mushroom is especially excellent in these dainty minces, and gives them a characteristic flavor that redeems them from that insipidity of taste which "cooked over" preparations are apt to have.—N. Y. Tribune.

The Comic Opera.

Mr. Francis Wilson and his superb comic opera company gave a large and enthusiastic audience at the Grand last night the picturesque and tawdry comic opera "Half a King," in three acts. Mr. Wilson, of course, was the central figure as Tiresias, the mountebank, and he was the cause of much merriment, his antics and sayings provoking infectious laughter. Miss Lulu Glaser, as some maid in the audience, was truly a loo-loo. She is strictly up-to-date. All of the principals were good and the choruses were powerful. The opera was put on with elegant costumes and a whole lot of special scenery.

Manager Given was generously congratulated for his enterprise in securing the company for a Decatur date.

Ex-Senator W. C. Johns had a party of friends at the play, occupying the Orlando Powers boxes. After the performance the party were entertained at supper at the residence of Dr. William Barnes. Those in the party were Mr. and Mrs. Albert Barnes, Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Eymann, Mrs. F. J. Sedgwick, Miss Maud Burrows, Dr. Will Barnes and W. C. Johns.

Colonial Masquerade This Evening.
The young ladies of the Fortnightly club will give a colonial masquerade at the home of Mrs. Welch of East North street this evening. Each member will represent a colonial dame of historical fame.

Will be Home Thursday.

A letter received by Mrs. George Fisk from Mr. Fisk states that he is much improved in health from his stay of one month at New Orleans and will leave for home today, arriving on Thursday afternoon.

Free Pills.

Send your address to H. E. Bucklen & Co., Chicago, and get a free sample box of Dr. King's New Life Pills. A trial will convince you of their merits. These pills are easy in action and are particularly effective in the cure of Constipation and Sick Headaches. For Malaria and Liver troubles they have been proved invaluable. They are guaranteed to be perfectly free from every deleterious substance, and to be purely vegetable. They do not weaken by their action, but by giving tone to stomach and bowels greatly invigorate the system. Regular size 25c per box. Sold by J. E. King and C. F. Shilling, Druggists.

L. J. Lane of Eureka has sold his stock of boots and shoes to Mr. Fischer, who will move them to Deer Creek.

Ladies of the Unionian society of Pontiac, have raised \$60 in dime subscriptions for the purchase of new books for the Pontiac public library.

Frank Borden of DeWitt and Miss Laura B. Webb were married February 17 at the bride's home, three miles southeast of Leroy. They will live at Delana.

AFTER THE P. D. & E.

Illinois Central Trying to Get Control of That Line.

Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 22.—The News says the Illinois Central railroad is negotiating to secure the Peoria, Decatur & Evansville when the latter road is taken out of the hands of receivers. The Illinois Central has for some time been buying up the bonds and stocks and has enough now to control the road if it could get possession. With this road the Illinois Central will have a line from Peoria to Louisville, another from Peoria to St. Louis, a line from Peoria to Evansville and one from Peoria to New Orleans. Some of the details of the proposed consolidation has been made public.

THE DIEHL CASE.

Is Still in Progress in Circuit Court To-Day—Witnesses on Stand.

The case of Mrs. Anna Diehl vs. J. R. Gorin, administrator, which came up in the circuit court yesterday is still in progress and will probably continue for several days if not for the entire week. Mrs. Diehl is suing the estate for money, which she claims is due her for services rendered to her father, the late David M. Garver. After the death of the administrator, Mr. Gorin, David Garver, Jr., was appointed in his place. The case was tried once in the county court and was decided in favor of Mrs. Diehl and was appealed by the defendant.

Yesterday afternoon Florence Brown, a young colored woman, who was charged with forgery was sentenced to six months in the county jail.

WANTED AT SPRINGFIELD.

G. T. Ashburn, of Decatur, to be Taken There on a Charge of Larceny.

Officer Somerville today arrested G. T. Ashburn at his home on North Clayton street. Ashburn is wanted at Springfield to answer a charge of larceny. He at one time conducted a little grocery store on North Main street, but recently has been following the business of a traveling photographer. He was arrested on orders from Sheriff Baxter of Sangamon county. A deputy sheriff arrived in the city today and will take Ashburn back to Springfield.

Fire Averted.

A large basket sliding in front of a fire place at the boarding house of Mrs. Stahl of West Prairie avenue caught fire yesterday and when discovered had burned to the carpet. Dr. Hell discovered the fire just in time to prevent the carpet and furnishing from being damaged and perhaps destroyed, as the basket was burning fiercely and the carpet smoking.

Bon Wood has sold the city right for selling his shirt and collar shield to the Bohon-McReynolds Company. This week he will visit the neighboring towns and cities to advertise his goods.

A LOCAL DISEASE.

A Catarrh of the Bladder.
Nothing but a local remedy or change of climate will cure it. Get a well known pharmaceutical remedy, Ely's Cream Balm. It is quickly absorbed. Gives relief at once. Opens and cleanses the Nasal Passages. Allays Inflammation. Heals and Protects the Membrane. Restores the Sense of Taste and Smell. No Cocaine. No Mercury. No Injurious Drug. Full size 60c. Trial size 10c, at Druggists or by mail. ELY BROTHERS, 56 Warren St., New York.

Notice to Contractors.

Sealed proposals will be received at the office of C. M. Lytle, Decatur, Ill., until twelve o'clock noon of April 1st, 1898, for the following work:
A. For the erection and completion (except the steam heating and plumbing) of the Old Fellows' Old Folks' Home to be erected at Easton, Ill., for the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois of the Independent Order of Old Fellows.
B. For the steam heating of said building.
C. For the plumbing work in said building.
D. For the foundation work of said building.
E. For the enclosing of said building.
F. For the finishing of said building.
All bidders must be accompanied by a certified check to the sum of three (3) per cent of the bid for work under heading "A" and five (5) per cent of the bid for work under headings "B," "C," "D," "E" and "F."
Said checks are to insure the execution of the contract and bond by whomsoever the contract may be awarded to and are to be made payable to C. M. Lytle, Secretary of the Board of Trustees of said Home.
The successful bidder will be required to provide satisfactory bond in the sum of ten times the amount of the certified check to insure the full and faithful performance of the contract within the time specified.
Plans can also be seen at the offices of C. F. Mansfield, Monticello, Ill.; W. R. Jewell, Danville, Ill.; J. H. Babbie, Alton, Ill.; H. A. Stone, St. Louis, Mo.; Grand Secretary J. H. Miller, Springfield, Ill.; Office of James H. Harris, 1821 Madison Street, Chicago, Ill., also at the office of E. J. Hodgson, the Architect, Mazon, Ill.
The committee reserves the right to reject any or all bids.
All bidders will be supplied with blank forms of proposals which must be filed properly else they will not be considered.
The architect will forward a set of drawings to any one upon receipt of a deposit of ten dollars. Seven dollars to be returned when plans are returned.
C. M. LYTLE, Secretary.
Feb 22-4w

ILLINOIS CENTRAL EXCURSIONS.
One-way tickets' rates to points south and southeast. Tickets on sale the 1st and 3d Tuesdays of each month.
Winter tourist rates to points south are now on sale. Final limit of June 1st, 1898.
For information or tickets write to call on W. L. Smith, Union Depot, or T. Penwell, 121 N. William street, Decatur, Ill.

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151 East Main Street.

Executrix' Sale of Real Estate.

By virtue of an order and decree of the county court of Macon county, Illinois, made on the petition of the undersigned executrix of the estate of James F. Kazar, deceased, for leave to sell the real estate of said deceased at the February term A. D. 1898 of said court, to-wit: the 10th day of February, 1898, I will on
The 28th day of March, A. D. 1898, at 2 o'clock p. m. of said day, sell at public sale at the north door of the court house in the City of Decatur in said Macon county, the real estate described as follows, to-wit: Lots 9, 10 and 11, in Block 1, in Bellevue Place, in said Macon county; also an undivided one-half interest in Lot 1 and 2 feet off the east side of Lot 2 of Block 2 to Allen, McCreynolds & Co.'s Addition to the said City of Decatur; subject to incumbrances, for cash in hand on day of sale.
MABEL A. K. GAUKER,
Formerly Mabel A. Kazar, Executrix
of the Estate of James F. Kazar, deceased.
Decatur, Ill., Feb. 22, 1898. [24-4w]

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THE GOSSIP OF GOTHAM.

Some Interesting Facts About Dr. John Hall's Son.

Bolton Hall is a Diligent and Prosperous New York Lawyer—Green Goods and Buncos—A Story of Parkhurst.

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New York, Feb. 17.—Dr. John Hall, whose recent troubles with the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian church have brought him more prominently before the public than he has been at any time since the question of his wedding fees was aired in print, is always well worth the consideration of newspaper readers. Yet he is not one whit more interesting than his son, Bolton Hall, albeit the latter is not nearly so well known as his eloquent, godly father.

Bolton Hall is a lawyer by profession, and diligent and prosperous therein. But he is far more enthusiastic as a single tax agitator and as an active official in the Longshoremen's union than in the trying of court cases and the drawing of legal documents; and his office in lower Broadway is recognized as one of the centers both by those who accept the tenets of the late Henry George, and those who load and unload ocean-going ships.

Bolton Hall's position with regard to the Longshoremen's union, of which he has for some years been treasurer, is unique in the true meaning of the term. Other men of means, or those engaged in professional life, have essayed to give practical help to labor organizations in many instances. But, so far as I know, Bolton Hall is the only man not originally a wage earner, in this country, at least, who has been able to win the entire confidence of an organized body of workmen. This he has secured to

his father, and I understand that this was one of the minor points of criticism raised by those who have not been wholly satisfied with Dr. Hall of late, though the New York newspapers do not seem to have heard about it.

Bolton Hall believes in extending the circle of single tax believers by every possible means, including even what may be termed the "hurry boys" method, and he was a strong factor in the Delaware campaign of a year or two ago, during which there were some arrests of single taxers because of the noise with which they carried on their work. He is confident that the doctrine will eventually prevail, though he admits that such populous centers as New York will probably be much harder to bring into line than the less compact communities of the west and south.

Green Goods and Buncos.
The detection of a green goods man getting ready to fleece a "come on" over in Hoboken the other day, has reminded New Yorkers that comparatively few buncos cases of any sort have been reported in this vicinity of late. Whether the Hoboken case was sporadic, and therefore of little consequence, or whether it was merely a forerunner—a single drop, so to speak, heralding a plentiful shower of "come-ons" and consequently plethoric purses for the swindlers—is, of course, a matter of too much uncertainty to warrant predictions.

In the old days, when the green goods trade was carried on here as systematically as any other, and almost as openly, there was a flourishing colony of those who subsisted thereby among the flat dwellers of a certain up-town West side district. Of active swindlers of one sort and another in this colony there must have been 20 or 30. Nearly everyone had a family, and in some cases the families included children.

So far as outward appearance could



SMELLED A RAT IN A MINUTE.

such an extent that he has not only been put in complete control of the Longshoremen's finances, but is consulted with regard to all matters of vital importance.

A Man of the People.
Of course the state of affairs could not have been brought about had not Mr. Hall been able to enter thoroughly into their point of view and sympathize fully with their aspirations. Most men of Mr. Hall's social, professional and financial standing find it impossible to see things as the wage-earners see them, or to understand their hopes and fears; and it is not surprising that this is so. Nor is it to be wondered at that workingmen perceive the truth at once when one who lacks real knowledge and sympathy "stoops" to assist them. At the very beginning of Mr. Hall's efforts in the Longshoremen's behalf, they saw clearly that he did not feel that he was getting down to a lower level than his own in seeking to befriend them, and they were overjoyed to have the help of a thoroughly practical man of affairs in conducting the money department of their organization.

His object in helping to promulgate single tax notions is based on exactly the same impulses as his work in behalf of the Longshoremen. It would be impossible for the most pronounced opponent of the George theories to listen for five minutes to Mr. Hall's arguments thereon without being convinced that he honestly believes their adoption would be productive of great good to the people. His sincerity is beyond all question, and his words have undoubtedly won the adherence of thousands.

Preaching the Single Tax.
Mr. Hall's chief method of spreading what he considers the true economic gospel would have met with much opposition a few years ago and is not always received with cordiality today. He was the originator of the scheme for the delivery of single tax addresses in the churches on Sunday mornings, and he has himself preached many sermons on the land question—though I believe he is not an ordained minister. A large number of Mr. Hall's sermons have been delivered in Canada, where the newspapers have almost invariably given much space to reporting them. But he has also spoken for many pulpits in the United States, including that of the King street branch of the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian church. Of course he preached there by the permission of

Churchill—were listening to certain revelations, made by George Appo, a reformed bunco-steerer and green goods man, with regard to various phases of police protection. They were in the office of John W. Goff, now recorder. When Appo had told his tale Goff turned to his desk, Jerome picked up a newspaper, and Dr. Parkhurst sat still, thinking on what he had just heard. The silence was broken by Appo.

"I beg your pardon, Dr. Parkhurst," said the bunco man, "but could you tell me how two tens for a five? I'm out of change."

"Why—why certainly, Mr. Appo," replied the minister, after a moment's hesitation. "To be sure. Here you are—two tens for a five."

The little proceeding had attracted the attention of Messrs. Goff and Jerome, but they said not a word, though their looks were so peculiar that the good doctor smelled a rat in a minute. Meanwhile Appo had spilled out of the room, though not beyond the precincts of the outer office. There Dr. Parkhurst found the clever rogue.

"Oh! Mr. Appo," the doctor inquired, anxiously, "didn't I give you two tens for a five just now—for a five, mind?"

"Why certainly," replied Appo, grinning and returning the money, "and wasn't that what I asked for?" Dr. Parkhurst joined as heartily as anyone in the laugh that followed.

OSBORN SPENCER.

JABE COOK'S TWO RATTLERS.

He Caught One Asleep, But Never Could Tell How He Got the Other.
"No, young man, I can't tell you nothing, not but there's things enough happened along the Delaware, an' for that matter, right here in Callicoon, to fill a hundred little books chock full, but I ain't no composer. But I wish to land you'd come 'round before Jabe Cook died. He could a 'commolated' ou with as many yarns as you could shake a stick at. True ones? Of course. Jabe wa'n't no great hand on lyin'—not ginerally. He ferried here for—oh, I don't know how long. Begun when I was a boy. Run a small boat, an' when there was teams or many people took them over in a big scow.

"There ain't scossy any heft of work 'bout runnin' a scow. Jabe wouldn't a-took to it if there had been, for he was a sort of lazy coot—didn't hunker after work. When you pole out an' git pisted right the scow'll run itself, an' then there's time for swappin' horses an' talkin'. That's where Jabe's talent come in—on talkin'. He could talk a blue streak—beat the hull shootin' match at it. It beat all how much he knowed about everybody for miles round. An' when he begun on one o' his stories he was bound to go through with it. Never knowed him to leave a story half-way but once.

"One day a passel of us young chaps had been up Holister brook fishin'. When we got back to the ferry Jabe wa'n't to be seen, an' we set down on the bench to wait for him to come an' take us across the river. We'd been settin' quite a spell, when all of a suddint we heard him shoutin' an' callin' to us. He was comin' from an old stone quarry, an' I swan if the feller didn't have a live rattlesnake in each hand. We were fast enough 'bout runnin' to meet him, but a little skittish 'bout gettin' very close to the snakes, until we were sure he had each one gripped clost enough to the head so's it couldn't turn to bite. It's safe enough carryin' rattlers that way—if you hold on tight. The day was hot an' Jabe was that excited he fairly stuttered a-tryin' to tell us how he ketches the snakes, an' the way we slung questions at him didn't help to cool him down none. A city chap, he said, had promised him five dollars an' a good jackknife for a live rattler. He'd kinder calkerlated on findin' one that day because all the signs were 'bout right for their bein' out.

"Say," interrupted Si Brown, 'ain't you gittin' to know 'most too much 'bout rattlers?"

"You'll know more about manners when you're growed up," was Jabe's answer. This was a sockdologer on Si, for, though he was nigh on to 40, he was a little cuss.

"Well, Jabe's story was awful long, for he'd had rather a rough-and-tumble sort of a hunt, but the upshot of it all was he found the first rattler asleep behind a holler log, an', said he, 'I crept up as still 's a cat after a mouse, an' reached over my forked stick an' nabbed him.' An', suttin' his actions to his words, Jabe brought his right hand over—brought it over too near the left. Quicker'n you could say 'Jack Robinson,' the left-hand snake stuck his fangs into Jabe's right hand, an' the right-hand snake did the same for his left hand.

"Jabe's yells, which was enough to wake the dead, an' the general thrashin' 'round of arms an' snakes, scared us boys till every one of us went lickety split up the river bank. We went back when the snakes were gone an' helped Jabe home. Si ran for the doctor, an' I was soon a-leggin' it up the road after whisky.

"No, Jabe didn't die, though he come within an ace of it. He felt awful cut up 'bout the hull business, an' to this day we don't know how he ketched that other snake."—N. Y. Sun.

A Correction.

First Farmer—I think a million is too much for any man to have.

Second Farmer—I guess you mean that it's too much for any other man to have.—Town Topics.

Why She Refused Him.

"I assure you, Miss Dorothy, I have never known another woman's love." "That settles it, Mr. Smith. I could never marry a man who is so unpopular."—N. Y. Truth.

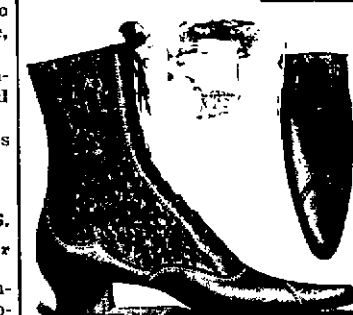
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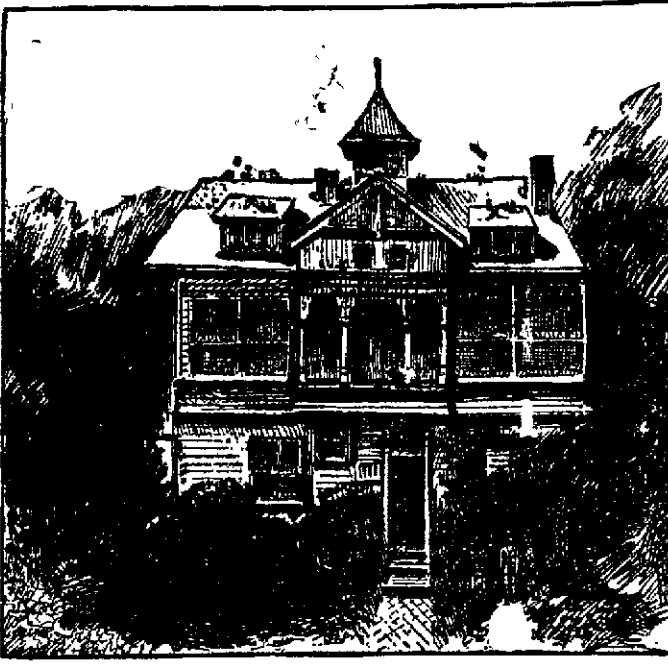
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ELABORATE PIGEON LOFT.

It is Mistaken by Many People for a Handsome Dwelling.
(Copyright, 1898.)

There is a pigeon loft in Allentown, Pa., which at first glance might be mistaken for a handsome dwelling. In fact, there are very, very many persons in this world of ours whose homes are not nearly as pleasant or well built as this structure, which was erected by George W. Eckert, of Allentown. It is a pigeon loft, but Mr. Eckert,

**AN ELABORATE PIGEON LOFT.**

who is very well known as a breeder, uses it as a home for his African owls. It must not be supposed that this pigeon house is anything tremendous in size, for it is but 24 by 30 feet. Still, as the accompanying illustration shows, it is a model in its way, and quite big enough for a small family to live in comfortably. The conveniences are certainly superior to those of many modern houses.

The first floor contains a loft for birds of the 1897 breed, and for the heating plant, for hot water pipes keep the loft warm in the winter. The second floor is divided into three compartments, the operating room, the

get fresh air. Perches are fastened to the walls, and shelves are erected along the sides of the lofts. The drinking fountains and baths consist of long iron basins, through which water flows constantly; this insures a fresh supply always.

The breeding arrangements are of the very best. The nesting boxes are on the floor, and each one has a movable glass front cover. Behind the boxes run the hot water pipes; this keeps them dry and warm. Each nesting place has the number and pedigree of each pair, which Mr. Eckert keeps in a book especially provided for that purpose.

NEW STRINGED INSTRUMENT.

Considered an Improvement on the Time-Honored Guitar.
(Copyright, 1898.)

A new stringed instrument has recently made its appearance, and is considered by those who have examined it to be a radical improvement on the time-honored guitar.

It is the harp-guitar, and is really a combination of the two instruments, one of which carries the air, the other the accompaniment.

Its music resembles that of the concert autoharp. The volume of sound is nearly double that of the guitar, and has a distinctive and superior quality. In shape the harp-guitar has the appearance of the guitars of the olden time, the body being pear-shaped, and with the usual sounding board and swelled back. The fingerboard is like that of the guitar. Instruments are also to be made with the regular guitar body.

The harp-guitar has ten strings. Six of these resemble those on the guitar. Parallel to the four large strings, about a sixteenth of an inch to the left (from the bridge toward the head), is a small or treble string, which is tuned an exact octave above its companion.

The manner of producing chords on the harp-guitar is the same as upon the guitar, but the method employed in playing instrumental selections or solos is different; their is picked on the double strings with the thumb, while the accompaniment (single guitar chords) is played on all other available strings with unoccupied fingers and thumb.

The effect of playing the air on double strings tuned an octave apart is felt as soon as heard. The effect may be modified so that the air sounds in clear treble or bass, as desired.

One may at all times retain the left hand in one position, that for playing the ordinary guitar chords. As is well known, the guitar is an instrument upon which comparatively few can play instrumental pieces other than exercises written or arranged especially for it. A rarely (if ever) hears popular airs played upon the guitar.

Carl Brown, a resident of Columbus, O., the inventor of the harp-guitar conceived the guitar to be deficient, and especially so for the use of amateurs, for in order to play even ordinary exercises the pupil must spend considerable time, money for instruction, and in order to really accomplish anything must become familiar with the entire finger board and a discouraging number of difficult chords.

To simplify the matter Mr. Brown decided to employ a larger number of treble strings, and in such a manner that, when playing, one could at all times combine the ordinary guitar chords with the air.

A series of experiments developed even better results than had been anticipated. Within a couple of months the inventor was able to play over 100 popular melodies in various keys, carrying a full guitar accompaniment. Previous to this he could play only a few chords and a half dozen exercises, such as the "Spanish Fandango."

The instrument with the revised method of execution not only enables amateurs to become proficient in much more time and study, but opens a new field for the professional guitarist. If desired, the method for playing may be reversed and the instrument played as a guitar.

A DEARTH OF CATTLE.

Mexico Has Almost Reached Her Limit as a Beef Producer.
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The astonishing announcement is now made that Mexico is almost without cattle. This surprising state of affairs is due to the tremendous demand for Mexican beef that began almost exactly two years ago and has resulted in cutting down to very small numbers the seemingly inexhaustible herds of northern Mexico.

The states of Chihuahua and Sonora alone have been shipping to Cuba from 5,000 to 6,000 head of cattle a month. That is why the Cuban rebellion has lined the pockets of the Mexican stockmen with gold. It is singular indeed, when one stops to consider, that Mexico, which so cruelly felt the iron hand of Spain centuries ago, should in these modern days furnish food in vast quantities for the enemies of the descendants of Cortez.

During the past 12 months, also, the movement of live stock from Mexico to the United States has become unusual. The demand has gone on unabated and still exists. It is apparent, therefore, that the Mexican cattleman has realized handsomely from this product of their ranches; in fact, a majority of them have practically exhausted their herds.

While some of the leading ranchmen are exerting themselves to replenish their stock, it is impossible to fully meet the demand. How difficult this task of replenishment will prove will be appreciated by those familiar with the difficulty that confronted the cattlemen of the United States a decade ago when the cattle business began to revive and larger herds were deemed profitable.

The greater portion of Mexican live stock bound for the United States passes through El Paso, Tex., and Nogales, A. T., to the western markets where the packing houses are located. Kansas City taking a greater number than any other place. Even in California there is a demand for Mexican beef, because of the fact that ranchmen there hastened to dispose of their herds in eastern markets, thereby diminishing the supply for home consumption.

The extent of the exports can best be appreciated when the figures are considered. During the last quarter of 1897, the total value of cattle that came into the United States was \$222,522, and this, too, regardless of the fact that the duty upon cattle imported from Mexico is about three dollars per head. All these cattle are of low grade, and the beef they make is far from being equal to the American product.

The result, which might have been expected, is that in Mexico the price of beef has risen to unheard of figures, and the Mexicans are likely to be in the position of the miner who sold the only tent in the camp for a big price, forgetting that after he parted from it he would have to sleep out of doors.

Repenting at Leisure.
"They say Loter's melancholy is due to an old affair of the heart."
"Yes; he loved one of the most beautiful women in the state."
"And she jilted him?"
"No, married him."—Detroit Free Press.

She Given Them to Him.
Tommy—I often hear it.
Teacher—Do you inherit it?
Tommy—Yes, got 'em from my mother.—N. Y. Truth.

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, Lucas County,

FRANK J. CHENEY makes oath that he is the senior partner of the firm of F. J. CHENEY & CO., doing business in the city of Toledo, county and state aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH CURE.

FRANK J. CHENEY.
Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 8th day of December, 1896.

A. W. GLEASON,
Notary Public.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials, free.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.
Sold by druggists, 75c.
Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Ladies of the Clonian society of Pontiac, have raised \$80 in dime subscriptions for the purchase of new books for the Pontiac public library.

After years of untold suffering from piles, B. W. Purcell, of Koinersville, Pa., was cured by using a single box of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. Skin diseases, such as eczema, rash, pimples and obstinate sores, are readily cured by this famous remedy. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krohn.

Charles A. Mueller and Mrs. T. W. Ebert of Champaign, were married February 17. They will live on Mr. Mueller's farm near St. Louis.

Fatality of Croup.
Statistics show that thousands of infants and children yearly die of membranous croup. We do not exaggerate when we state that every one of these innocents could have been saved had Foley's Honey and Tar been given in time. Can you afford to be without it in your household? H. W. Bell, N. L. Krohn.

The Sherry farm of 160 acres at Flanagan was sold last week at auction to James Spoto of the National bank of Pontiac, at \$9.30 per acre.

There is No 2 About It.
No question indeed with those who have used it, but that Foley's Kidney Cure, is absolutely reliable for all Kidney and Bladder diseases. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krohn.

Gomel Smith of San Jose will move to Delavan and take charge of the grain business of Fryer & Smith.

There are three little things which do more work than any other three little things created—they are the ant, the bee and DeWitt's Little Early Risers, the last being the famous little pills for stomach and liver troubles. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krohn.

Frank Bordner of DeWitt and Miss Laura B. Webb were married February 17 at the bride's home, three miles southeast of Loray. They will live at Delavan.

The Most Fatal Disease.
It is not generally known that more adults die of Kidney trouble than any other disease. When the first symptoms of this disease appear, no time should be lost in taking Foley's Kidney Cure which is guaranteed or money refunded. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krohn.

L. J. Lane of Eureka has sold his stock of boots and shoes to Mr. Fischer, who will move them to Deer Creek.

The person who disturbed the congregation last Sunday by coughing is requested to call on H. W. Bell or N. L. Krohn and get a bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar, which always gives relief.

J. C. Lewis, after 37 years of business life in Dwight, has sold his big jewelry establishment and residence.

We are anxious to do a little good in this world and can think of no pleasanter or better way to do it than by recommending One Minute Cough Cure as a preventive of pneumonia, cough and other serious lung troubles that follow neglected colds. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krohn.

H. L. Plummer of Urbana, a Big Four freeman, was killed last week in a railroad accident at Sugar Creek, Ind.

What pleasure is there in life with a headache, constipation and biliousness? Thousands experience them who could become perfectly healthy by using DeWitt's Little Early Risers, the famous little pills. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krohn.

John Patterson of Sullivan has moved to the Col. Merriam farm, southeast of Armstrong.

Don't annoy others by your coughing, and risk your life by neglecting a cold. One Minute Cough Cure cures coughs, colds, croup, grippe and all throat and lung troubles. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krohn.

Pontiac has sold \$10,000 of school bonds, at a premium of \$450, to build a new school house.

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George Taylor of Urbana and Miss Maud Hall of Homer, were married last week. Mr. Taylor will farm near Homer.

A Life Saved.

Marvelous cures of throat and lung affections are made daily by Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup. Miss Annie Swan, Petersburg, Va., writes: "My brother was attacked by a bad cough and cold, and it was thought he had consumption. Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup was used, and to our great surprise it made him well and hearty. There is no better cure in the world than this Syrup." Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup is sold everywhere for 25 cents.

COLD, CROUP WEATHER

Again Grips us by the Throat, but you can shake off that dreadful "Grip" Cough or Cold, if you will use

**The Great 4-C Remedy.****WHAT IF NOT MIRACLES?**

The great Four-C Remedy is doing work wherever introduced as nearly miraculously as it ever fails to the lot of any human agency to do (I will esteem it a favor for any one interested to write the persons whose names appear below or any one whose names may appear among these testimonials.)

My aim is to convince the public of my sincerity and of the true merits of this remedy.

BENEFACTORS OF THE RACE.
Office of "KINGFISHER TIMES,"
Kingsfisher, Okla., Dec. 12, '93.
GENTLEMEN: I believe it my duty to write you a line in regard to the beneficial effect of your "Four C" remedy. I am personally concerned. A week ago last Thursday, I was taken with a severe attack of la grippe and in a short time became so located I could not speak above a whisper. The night previous I coughed nearly the entire night; just before retiring I took a teaspoonful, and slept the entire night as peacefully as I did in my life, not coughing once. I was entirely relieved before taking one bottle. Phelps' Cough, Cold and Croup Cure should be in every household in the land. I send you this wholly unsolicited by me, for you are benefactors of the race in giving the antidote for some of the worst afflictions to which it is heir. Very truly yours,
C. J. NESBITT, Editor.

A MIRACLE.
Kansas City, Kansas, Dec. 21, '91.
"Last Friday, Dec. 19, my attending physician stated that unless I was better by morning he could do nothing for my relief. That night I commenced taking Phelps' "Four C" Remedy, stopped all other remedies, and in the first day stopped my cough; slept and rested well; and more doses removed all soreness from my lungs; the second day I was up; the third day I was out on the porch and today was up town purchasing holiday goods.
MISS JENNIE BARNETT,
Washington Avenue and Summit St.

CROUP CURED.
One dose of Phelps' Cough, Cold and Croup Cure, gave my child instant relief when attacked with croup. I used the remedy.
W. E. MOHR, of Moore Bros., Grocers,
Arkansas City, Kansas.

IT IS A MIRACLE.
Conductor Eckard, the Railroad Correspondent of the Neodesha Kansas Register, has this to say of "Four C": "Phelps is having a wonderful sale of his Cough and Cold Remedy. I personally know it is just what it is represented to be. Too much cannot be said in its praise. It is a miracle."
MISS JOSEPH E. FISH, 613 Madison Ave.

NOTICE TO DRUGGISTS AND TO THE PUBLIC.
CONTRACT—Druggists are authorized in ALL CASES TO REFUND THE PURCHASE PRICE, if the Four C Remedy (Phelps' Cough, Cold and Croup Cure) fails to give satisfaction in Croup, Bronchitis, Asthma, La Grippe, Coughs and Colds, no matter how long standing, or deep seated, in fact I guarantee to refund the purchase price of the medicine, if it fails to give unbounded satisfaction. Give it a trial on the above conditions. I take all chances.

R. R. Phelps, 118 53d Street, Chicago, Ill., Prop.

For sale by Armstrong Bros., C. F. Shilling and W. H. Hubbard

REDEMPTION NOTICES.
To Rita Sparks and the owners and parties interested in the lands or lots hereinafter described: You are hereby notified that at a sale of lands and town lots for state, county and special taxes, made in pursuance of law, by the county collector of the county of Macon and state of Illinois, at the north outside door of the court house, in the city of Decatur, in said county and state, on the 24th day of June, A. D. 1898, I, J. C. Hostetler, purchased the following described real estate, situate in said Macon county, to wit: Block 2 of S. R. Thompson's second addition to the city of Decatur, for the taxes assessed for the year 1895, including interest, penalties and costs due thereon, and at the time the said real estate was assessed as aforesaid it was taxed in the name of Rita Sparks, and that the time of the redemption thereof from said sale will expire on the 24th day of June, 1898.
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We have decided to discount Granite and Tinware as fast as everything will go at a price to invite you to come and take call special attention to our

After Dinner

Lot 1.
80c—Former price 10c to 15c.
Lot 2.
15c—Former price 20c to 35c.
Lot 3.
20c—Former price 25c to 40c.
Lot 4.
35c—Former price 50c to 75c.

People's Column.
Advertisements of Party words or items may be inserted in this column at the rate of 50 cents per week, payable in advance.

For Sale, For Rent, Wanted, Etc.

WANTED.
WANTED—People who desire the BEST MINERAL SPRING WATER, introduced and sold by Wm. Hittell, to know that it may be secured in small or large quantities by calling upon or sending your order to: C. HAYES & CO., 503 Central Ave., Decatur, Ill. Feb 21-26

WANTED—You to give us your orders for carpets to clean and feathers to renovate. Work called for and delivered free. Satisfaction guaranteed. Place of business, 503 Walnut Ave., telephone 337. HAYES & ANTONY. Oct 13-17

WANTED—Paper hanging. With 25 years' experience I am prepared to give prompt attention to all orders from all parts of the city. Prices reasonable and all work guaranteed. New Telephone 337. D. M. SMITH, West end Pugh street car line. Feb 19-24

FOR SALE.
FOR SALE—One eight-foot Metal Show Case, in perfect condition. WEST'S DRUG STORE, Lincoln Square. 15-16

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FOR SALE—A No. 1, super fine Kimball or organ for sale very cheap. Call at 905 East Central street. C. B. ADESSON. 20-21

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FOR SALE—Four room house, pantry and closets, East Lake finish; newly papered; will sell at a sacrifice. Call at 1780 North Clinton

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THE RACE.
UNBROKEN REST AT NIGHT.
J. B. HUNTING, Manager,
Office Commercial Printing Co.,
196 South Dearborn St.,
Chicago, Nov. 24, '96.

R. R. Phelps, Esq., City.
DEAR SIR:—I wish to bear testimony to the great efficacy of your "Four C" remedy in throat and lung ailments. As a rule I have been skeptical of the merits of proprietary medicines, but have to confess that a test of your "Four C" is convincing that at least one ready-made remedy is worthy of use. My children all take it without the least hesitation. It is the oldest to youngest, and is particularly noticeable that it is almost instantaneous. A single dose will check most coughs in their beginning; it gives an unbroken rest at night. In my family "Four C" is simply indispensable and I recommend it unqualifiedly.

Yours,
J. B. HUNTING.

ACUTE LARYNGITIS.
Chicago, Sept. 25, '96.
For years back each winter I have suffered with acute laryngitis. Last winter was so bad I could not leave my room for two weeks or could not speak above a whisper. I tried every known cough preparation, from cough drops up to and down with no relief, then I despaired and was induced to try Phelps' "Four C." The first dose relieved my cough, giving me the first night's rest for weeks. After a few more doses I have never been without this wonderful remedy since. It is as different from other like remedies as molasses from sugar or sugar from sand.

Mrs. JOSEPH R. HUNTING,
5313 Madison Ave.

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D. 1897, at 10 o'clock a. m., the following real estate, to-wit: Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000.

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Going Out of Business!

We have decided to discontinue the China business is Decatur and will proceed to close out our entire stock of China, Crockery, Glassware, Lamps, Granite and Tinware as fast as possible. This will be a genuine closing out sale to quit the business. It is no "fake" or excuse to reduce stock as everything will go at a price that will insure quick sales. Merchants in and out of the city will be given special prices on lines if closed out in bulk. We invite you to come and take the goods at less than factory prices. The stock is up to date and everything will be sold without reserve. We desire to call special attention to our extensive line of Cups and Saucers. We have arranged them in lots at the following prices:

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Lot 3. 200c—Former price 25c to 40c.	Lot 7. 700c—Former price 90c to \$1.75.	Lot 11. 500c—Former price 75c to \$1.25.	Lot 15. Assorted Bouillon Cups and Saucers at 75c to \$1.25. Former price \$1.25 to \$2.75.	Lot 18. 200c—Former price 30c to 45c.	In addition to these lots we have a great variety of Mustache Cups ranging in price from 15c to 60c.
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People's Column.

Advertisements of Party words or less may be inserted in this column at the rate of 25 cents per week, payable invariably in advance.

For Sale, For Rent, Wanted, Etc.

WANTED.
Wanted—People who desire the R&D Improved and sold by Wm. Hillie, to know that it may be secured in small or large quantities by calling upon or sending your order to J. C. HAYES & CO., 322 Central Ave., Decatur, Ill. Feb 21-22

WANTED.
Wanted—You to give us your orders for carpets to clean and restorers to renovate. Work called for and delivered free. Satisfaction guaranteed. Place of business, 330 Wabash Ave., telephone 206. HAYES & ANTHONY, Oct 15-16

WANTED.
Wanted—Paper hanging. With 25 years' experience I am prepared to give prompt attention to all orders from all parts of the city. Prices reasonable and all work guaranteed. See Telephone 206. D. M. SMITH, West end of 1st street car line. Feb 19-20

FOR SALE.
For Sale—One eight-foot Metal Show Case, in perfect condition. WEST'S DRUG STORE, Lincoln Square. 15-16

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MONEY TO LOAN.
Rooms Nos. 1 and 2, 137 North Water street. LOW RATES. GEO. W. EINHART. May 20-21

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MISCELLANEOUS.
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HOUSE-SHOPING.
The undersigned has opened a house-shopping and light first-class shop at 124 West Prairie Avenue, where all work will be guaranteed to be done to the satisfaction of the customer. A. F. WEAVER, Prop'r. Feb 14-24

CURRY & POOLE.
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Jan 24-25

Master in Chancery's Sale.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, ss. In the Circuit Court of Macou County, ss. In Chancery.
James J. Finn, Master in Chancery, vs. Frank L. Hayes, et al., Defendants.—In Chancery No. 10, 1896.

Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a decree of the Circuit Court of Macou County, in the State of Illinois, entered in the above entitled cause, at the January Term of said court, A. D. 1897, James J. Finn, Master in Chancery of said court, will on

Tuesday, the 1st day of March, A. D. 1898,
at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m., at the north door of the court house on East Wood street, in the City of Decatur, in said county, offer for sale at public vendue to the highest and best bidder for cash in hand, subject to redemption according to law, the real estate in said decree ordered to be sold, being described as follows, to-wit: Lot seven (7) of the West side of lot eight (8), of Lake & Co.'s Addition of tracts to the City of Decatur, situated in Macou county, Illinois.

Dated at Decatur, Illinois, this 17th day of February, A. D. 1898.

JAMES J. FINN, Master in Chancery.
Mills Bros., Complainant's Solicitors.

Master in Chancery's Sale.
STATE OF ILLINOIS, ss. In the Circuit Court of Macou County, ss. In Chancery.
H. Mueller, Complainant, vs. Clara E. Wood, et al., Defendants.—In Chancery No. 10, 1896.

Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a decree of the Circuit Court of Macou County, in the State of Illinois, entered in the above entitled cause at the October Term of said court, A. D. 1897, James J. Finn, Master in Chancery of said court, will on

Tuesday, the 1st day of March, A. D. 1898,
at 2 o'clock p. m., at the north door of the court house on East Wood street, in the City of Decatur, in said county, offer for sale at public vendue to the highest and best bidder for cash in hand, subject to redemption according to law, the real estate in said decree ordered to be sold, being described as follows, to-wit: The south half of lot nine (9) and thirty (30) feet in width of the West side of lot eight (8), all in block one (1) of Berry H. Cassell's Fifth Addition to the City of Decatur, situated in Macou County, Illinois.

Dated at Decatur, Illinois, this 17th day of February, A. D. 1898.

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John Fuller, Conservator, et al., Complainant, vs. George M. Hinkley, et al., Defendants.—In Chancery No. 10, 1896.

Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a decree of the Circuit Court of Macou County, in the State of Illinois, entered in the above entitled cause at the January Term of said court, A. D. 1897, James J. Finn, Master in Chancery of said court, will on

Friday, the 4th day of March, A. D. 1898,
at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m., at the north door of the court house on East Wood street, in the City of Decatur, in said county, offer for sale at public vendue to the highest and best bidder for cash in hand, subject to redemption according to law, the real estate in said decree ordered to be sold, being described as follows, to-wit: Lot four (4) and five (5) in the subdivision of lot thirteen (13) in the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of section ten (10) in township sixteen (16) north, range two (2) east of the principal meridian, as recorded in Book 140 at Page 127 of the Plat Book of Macou County, Illinois, and more fully described as follows: Beginning 21 feet west and 10 feet south of the northeast corner of section ten (10) of the northeast quarter of section ten (10) of township sixteen (16) north, range two (2) east of the principal meridian, west 17 feet to the east line of North Main street, thence north 90 feet, thence east 17 feet, thence south 80 feet to place of beginning in Macou County, Illinois.

Dated at Decatur, Illinois, this 17th day of February, A. D. 1898.

JAMES J. FINN, Master in Chancery.
E. S. McDonald, Complainant's Solicitor.

Executors Notice.
Estate of Samuel Hoff, Deceased.
The undersigned having been appointed executor of the estate of Samuel Hoff, late of the county of Macou and state of Illinois, deceased, hereby gives notice that he will receive and pay all claims against the estate of said deceased, at the court house in Decatur, at the April term, on the first Monday in April, next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of presenting and proving the same. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

Dated this 17th day of February, 1898.

JOHN J. FINN, Executor.

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The grocers' profit is no concern of yours. If you want the Electric Luster Starch in Blue Packages insist on getting it. It is the easiest and quickest polishing starch made.—18-dime.

The suit of Mary Jones against John W. Jones, in which the plaintiff brought suit to replevin goods belonging to herself and husband which had been taken by her husband's father, John Jones, on a mortgage given by her husband, was tried before Justice George P. Hardy yesterday. Justice Hardy gave his decision in favor of the plaintiff this morning. Attorney J. M. Gray represented Mrs. Jones and Attorney W. E. Redmond the defendant.

Too late to cure a cold after consumption has fastened its deadly grip on the lungs. Take Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup while yet there is time. Sold by all druggists.

At 228 North Main street the largest stock of fresh bulk Garden Seed; also the greatest assortment of Flower Seeds ever brought to Decatur. Sweet Peas and Nasturtiums in bulk. Duffee & Culp. feb 9-22

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I wish to inform you that I have secured the distributing agency of James Heekin & Co.'s celebrated Cincinnati High Grade Coffee. In presenting these coffees to you I do so with the assurance that they possess absolute high grade qualities, being unsurpassed in purity, strength and fine flavor. I would be pleased to have you investigate this line of highly recommended coffees. For the proof of good coffee is in the drinking thereof. Yours truly, D. F. Riddell.—16-27

Letter List.

Following is the list of unclaimed letters remaining in the Decatur, Ill., post-office for the week ending February 22, 1898. When called for please say advertised:

GENIS' LIST.

Browning, J. L.
Burns, F. J.
Celleam, J. W.
David, Will
Griffin, D. J.
Haas, George
Gatewood, Jim
Laime, C.
Lindsey, L. M.
McCoy, R. M.
Matthews, Luther
Newstetter, W. A.
Wright, L. J.

LADIES' LIST.

Ball, Flora
Beatty, Anna H.
Burgess, P.
Butler, Annie H.

FIRMS.

The Aukerakie Shoddy Pen Co.
C. Lane Co.
Winter & Wilcox.

W. F. CALHOUN, P. M.

PERSONAL TAX NOTICE.

All persons having Personal Tax against them on the tax books for 1897, have been mailed a card stating the amount for the same. You are requested to call at my office and pay the same and save additional costs.

Bring your postal cards with you. Leave your receipts for last year in order to expedite the finding of property.

Office open evenings until 9 o'clock.
LANDY H. MARTIN,
Collector.

Helping Hand Society.

The Helping Hand society of the East Park chapel will meet with Miss Sallie Dill in East Prairie avenue on Thursday evening at 7 o'clock.

Whooping cough is the most distressing malady; but its duration can be cut short by the use of One Minute Cough Cure, which is also the best known remedy for croup and all lung and bronchial troubles. H. W. Bell N. L. Krone.

Services at East Park Chapel.
Attorney J. L. Deek will have charge of the services at East Park chapel tonight. Rev. Bowyer will be present.

MANY PEOPLE CANNOT DRINK coffee at night. It spoils their sleep. You can drink Grain-O when you please and sleep like a top. For Grain-O does not stimulate; it nourishes, cheers and feeds. Yet it looks and tastes like the best coffee. For the young people and children Grain-O is the perfect drink. Made from pure grains. Get a package from your grocer today. Try it in place of coffee. 15 and 30c.

WASHINGTON DAY

Father of His Country's Birthday Anniversary

EXERCISES AT HIGH SCHOOL

Daughters of Revolution Celebrate—

Colonial Entertainment This Evening—Entertainment by the St. James Church Choir.

Today is the anniversary of the birth of George Washington and is the time when the people are expected to honor the "Father of his Country." The day was observed in Decatur in various ways. The banks, public library and offices at the court house were closed, and the pupils at the city schools all held exercises of some kind. The members of the Daughters of the Revolution celebrated this morning and tonight. Entertainments will be given by the Home Forum and also by the choir of St. James Catholic church.

AT THE HIGH SCHOOL.
At the High school this morning the members of the senior and junior classes gathered in the large assembly room and heard an address by Postmaster W. F. Calhoun. The speaker referred to many of the incidents of the life of George Washington. He said that Washington was a man of common sense and a man of action, rather than a man of theory. The speaker said that Washington knew himself and that the young people should likewise learn to know themselves.

In the rooms of Miss Freeman, Miss Claypole and Miss Hubbard this morning the students held exercises and this afternoon the pupils in Miss McGarry's room will hold a celebration.

COLONIAL ENTERTAINMENT.
At the K. of P. hall in the Powers block this evening the members of the Home Forum will give a colonial entertainment. The proceeds of the undertaking will go toward the fund to erect a monument to the honor of the old soldiers of Mason county. A platform has been arranged at one end of the hall and there will be represented a school room in the colonial times. About 40 ladies and gentlemen will take part. They will all be attired in colonial costumes. There will be a school master and he will hold classes in geography and reading and old songs will be sung. The entertainment will last for about an hour, after which there will be a spelling match in which all will take part. Dr. R. L. Walston will pronounce the words and anyone present can take part in the spelling. The ladies will spell against the gentlemen. The affair will close with dancing and cards. The program will be in charge of Mrs. K. Harwood. A small admission fee will be charged and an invitation is extended to the public. The management hope to raise a large sum for the monument fund.

DAUGHTERS OF REVOLUTION.

The members of the local chapter of the Daughters of the Revolution celebrated the day by exercises held this morning at the home of Mrs. J. M. Maris on West North street. There was a large attendance of the members and an appropriate and interesting program was carried out. The exercises opened with the singing of "America," led by the Misses Duffee. Mrs. V. N. Hostetter read an instructive paper on the subject "George Washington and His Times." Another interesting paper was read by Miss Hanford on the subject "Modern Ideals of Washington." A vocal duet was rendered by Misses Duffee and general items on the day were discussed by the different members of the chapter. The program was in charge of Mrs. V. G. Hatch.

The members of the organization recently elected new officers as follows:
Regent—Mrs. W. T. Wells.
Vice Regent—Mrs. J. M. Maris.
Treasurer—Mrs. T. T. Roberts.
Registrar—Mrs. J. K. Warren.
Historian—Mrs. V. N. Hostetter.
Secretary—Miss Hanford.
The members of the chapter now number 26.

ST. JAMES CHURCH CHOIR

Will Give an Entertainment This Evening at the Turner Hall—Program.

An entertainment will be given this evening at the Turner hall under the auspices of the choir of St. James' German Catholic church. The affair will be for the benefit of the church. A large number of tickets have been sold and it is expected that there will be a large attendance. Rev. Father Teppa, the rector, assisted by others, has for some time past been training the children and the entertainment will be a first class one. The members of the church choir and the dramatic club will take part and Prof. Solon, the violinist, will assist. Some of the songs and recitations will be in German and some in English. The following is the program which will be rendered:
Sweet and Low, J. Barnby—St. James Choir.

March, Song and Drill with Dolls—By 16 Little Girls.

Selection, Violin Solo—Prof. Soldan.
Der Jud' auf der Auction, (The Jew at the Auction), farce in Five Acts—By 18 Boys.
I'm Going to Write to Papa—By Two Little Girls.
I Don't Like to Go to School—By Six Girls.
Gut' Nacht, Lactitia—St. James' Choir.
Das verheirathete Gastzimmer im Hotel, (The Bewitched Room in the Hotel), farce in One Act—By Young Ladies Congregation.

ARE YOU TO LIVE IN ALASKA?

Some Requirements That will be Found Indispensable.

The universal article of diet in that country, depended upon and indispensable, is bread or biscuit. And to make the bread and biscuit, either in the camp or upon the trail, yeast cannot be used—it must be baking powder; and the powder manufactured by the processes of the Royal Baking Powder company, miners and prospectors have learned, is the only one which will stand in that peculiar climate of cold and dampness and raise the bread and biscuit satisfactorily.

These facts are very important for every one proposing to go to Alaska and the Yukon country to know, for should he be persuaded by some out-fitter to take one of the cheap brands of baking powder, it will cost just as much to transport it, and then when he opens it for use, after all his labor in packing it over the long and difficult route, he will find a solid caked mass or a lot of spoiled powder, with no strength and useless. Such a mistake might lead to the most serious results. Alaska is no place in which to experiment in food, or try to economize with your stomach. For use in such a climate, and under the trying and fatiguing conditions of life and labor in that country, everything must be the best and most useful, and above all it is imperative that all food supplies shall have perfect keeping qualities. It is absurd to convey over such difficult and expensive routes an article that will deteriorate in transit, or that will be found when required for use to have lost a great part of its value.

There is no better guide to follow in these matters than the advice of those who have gone through similar experience. Mr. McQueston, who is called "the father of Alaska," after an experience of years upon the trail, in the camp, and in the use of every kind of supply, says: "We find in Alaska that the importance of a proper kind of baking powder cannot be overestimated. A miner with a can of bad baking powder is almost helpless in Alaska. We have tried all sorts, and have been obliged to settle down to use nothing but the Royal. It is stronger and carries further, but above all things, it is the only powder that will endure the severe climatic changes of the arctic region."

It is for the same reason that the United States government in its relief expeditions, and Peary, the famous arctic traveler, have carried the Royal Baking Powder exclusively.
The Royal Baking Powder will not cake nor lose its strength either on board ship or in damp climates, and is the most highly concentrated and efficient of leavening agents. Hence it is indispensable to every Alaskan outfit. It can be had of any of the trading companies in Alaska, but should the miner procure his supplies before leaving, he should resist every attempt of the out-fitter to palm off upon him any of the other brands of baking powder, for they will spoil and prove the cause of great disappointment and trouble.

CRYSTAL WEDDING.

It will be Celebrated by Mrs. and Mrs. W. H. Cox Tonight.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Cox of West Mason street will celebrate the 15th anniversary of their marriage, this evening. A large party of friends will be entertained.

Birthday Party.

Last evening a surprise party was given in honor of the 17th birthday anniversary of Miss Fannie Bierwirth at her home in the 800 block on East William street. A goodly number of the young lady's friends were present and helped to make the evening pleasant with games, etc. Light refreshments were served. When the company broke up for departure for their several homes they wished, one and all, Miss Bierwirth many more such happy occasions.

Republicans of the First.

The Republican voters of the first district are requested to meet at the Brinkmeyer bowling alley on North Water street at 7:30 p. m. Tuesday, February 24, for the purpose of electing a chairman to succeed W. H. Black, who has left the city. D. A. Maffit, chairman; W. N. Andrews, secretary, township Republican committee.—21-22

"Spectre Knight" at Monticello.
The opera "Spectre Knight" will be given by the Decatur Opera company at Monticello on Saturday night. The opera house orchestra will play.

GRAND OFFICERS

Of the K. of P. are in the City Today.

SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION

Being Held This Afternoon—Another

Session to be Held This Evening at Chevalier Bay-ard Lodge.

The school of instruction of district No. 15, Knights of Pythias, is in session today in this city at the Chevalier Bayard hall in the Roberts and Green building. Archibald G. Servos, Grand chancellor and J. B. Dinges, deputy grand chancellor for this district, are in charge.

The first session opened this afternoon at 2 o'clock. J. B. Dinges made some introductory remarks and there was an address by Grand Chancellor Servos. The exemplification of the secret work was carried on by P. H. Duncan, past supreme lecturer, and addresses were given by the past chancellors. The exercises concluded with the expounding of the supreme and grand laws by the grand chancellor.

The session this evening will be held from 7 until 12 o'clock. Refreshments will be served after the exercises. The following will be the program:

Musical.
Opening Ceremonies.
Exemplification of the Secret Work—Past Sup. Lecturer Duncan.
Address—A. G. Servos, Grand Chancellor.
The Rank of Knight in Amplified Form.
Stereograph-Gram-o-phone Entertainment by the W. L. Smith Bell Ringing Concert Company.
There are already about 200 members of the organization from out of the city present and 100 more are expected tonight. The attendance is much larger than was ever anticipated by the local members. Grand Chancellor Servos and Past Grand Chancellor Benedict are in the city and the other grand officers are expected this afternoon.

THE LATE WAR.

Patriotic Service Held by the Grace Epworth League.

There was a large attendance last night at the Grace M. E. church, it being the occasion of a patriotic service, the subject being "The Late War." Members of the Epworth League of the church had charge of the exercises. This was the program:
Life of Lincoln—Major J. G. Badenhausen.
Cause of the War—Miss Mamie Evans.
Attack on Fort Sumter—Miss Bertha Kincaid.
Call for 300,000 Men—Miss Mae Graddol.
Song—"Marching Through Georgia" Sheridan's Last Ride—W. F. Calhoun.
Song—"Battle Cry of Freedom"
Lee's Surrender, Close of the War—Miss Jennie Bell.
Lincoln's Second Election—Roy J. W. Crane.
Lincoln's Assassination—Miss Maude Dahl.
Prison Life—Solomon Davis.
Result on the World—Dr. W. F. Gilmore.
"Star Spangled Banner"—Quartet.
Song—"America."


All of the speakers gave interesting addresses and most of them spoke from personal observation. Mr. Davis, who spoke on prison life, was a prisoner at Libby prison. He gave a vivid description of the life the prisoners led there.

Lenten Facts.
That you are permitted to eat the following: Fresh Trout, White, Red Snapper, Black Bass, Crappie, Cat, Sunfish, Codfish, Blue Fish, Scallops, Pickled, Buffalo, Boned Herring, last but not least those delicacies, Blue Point Shell Oysters, all of which can be had for the asking of Pearl Oyster and Fish Co. Tel. 344, old and new.—23d-1w

"Chimes."

The Decatur Musical company are rehearsing the "Chimes" with a full company and are practicing the stage drills under the direction of Joseph Alexander.

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LEE'S ADVICE TO

Report That the Consul-General There Will Be

WARSHIPS MOVING

Waiting for the Finding of the Court of Inquiry.

Spanish Cruiser Going Straight to Cuba—Stories of No Explosion on the "Maine"—Washington Comments.

Washington, Feb. 23.—No news was received by the government from Havana today. Consul General Lee sent the water-soaked medical journal of the Maine. It will be kept for future reference. The state department authorized the statement that it had not been advised by General Lee either officially or semi-officially, that he had advised Americans in Havana to get away. It is thought the report to that effect may have arisen from some remark made by him in ordinary conversation to the effect that persons who have no particular business there might find other places more desirable.

The Spanish legation asserts that everything is absolutely quiet at Havana and that there is no cause for alarm.

The battleship Texas and gunboat Nashville leave Galveston today in accordance with orders issued before the accident to the Maine, and their return to Dry Tortugas to join the North Atlantic squadron is entirely without significance.

On to Cuba.
New Orleans, La., Feb. 23.—The United States cruiser Marblehead sailed for Key West this morning and will join the North Atlantic squadron at Dry Tortugas.

Galveston, Tex., Feb. 23.—The battleship Texas and the gunboat Nashville sailed this afternoon, the former to join the fleet at Dry Tortugas, the latter to Key West for orders. It is reported that the Nashville will be sent to Havana to replace the Maine.

Off for Cuba.
New York, Feb. 23.—The coaling of the cruiser Viscaya was resumed early today. If it is finished in time the warship may sail for Havana this evening.

CRITICAL AT HAVANA.

Summing Up the Situation—Anxiety of Spanish Officials.

Washington, Feb. 23.—The Evening Star's Havana special says: "The inquiry into the Maine disaster progresses along definite lines. The results so far may be summed up in the statement that the probabilities that it was an accident, seem to decrease with the progress of the investigation. The most intense anxiety is shown by the Spanish officials, who are in constant communication with Madrid. They realize that Spanish relations with the United States were never so much in danger of being ruptured as now. This is the general feeling. The commercial classes are hopeful of American intervention on peaceful lines, but what they desire their hopes on is unknown. The insurgents continue to win minor military successes. The autonomists are restless. Some of the leaders seem to be on the point of breaking away from the government and the army officers continue to show anti-American sentiment."

SENATOR HANNA'S VIEW.

He Does Not Believe There Will Be War with Spain.
Washington, Feb. 23.—Senatorial [?] having been circulated that Senator Hanna had expressed a belief that a con-